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## 1944 Was Annuity Board's Best Year

C. J. Olander

Nineteen forty-four was the greatest year in the history of the Relief and Annuity Board, according to reports made by Dr. Thomas J. Watts, executive treasurer; Orville Groner, treasurer; Dr. George J. Mason, relief



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committee chairman, and E. G. Brown, advisory committee chairman.

### The Record

	1944	1943
Assets	\$7,907,136	\$6,779,610
Income	2,136,867	1,696,172
Excess of income over expenditures	1,140,488	748,396
Members Ministers' Retirement Plan	8,923	8,008
Churches in Retirement Plan	11,362	10,606
Members all plans	12,324	10,903
Relief and Annuity Plan		\$ 774,142

### Interest Rates

According to Treasurer Groner, "The finance committee is doing an outstanding job of safeguarding and investing the board's assets."

Interest rates for 1944 averaged 3.91% compared with 4.22% for 1943. This reduction was primarily the result of liquidating railroad bonds (that had been called), purchasing additional government bonds, and replacing high yielding corporate bonds with those of lower yield.

### Mississippi's Standing

There are 355 Mississippi members of the Ministers' Retirement Plan and 571 cooperating churches. Forty-eight aged ministers and widows are on the relief roll.

### The Unfinished Task

Under the title "Our Unfinished Task" Secretary Watts pointed out two things:

#### 1. Promotion and Enlistment.

There are still many pastors and many churches that are not in the Ministers' Retirement Plan. Out of

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## J.H. Street Elected Brotherhood Secretary

James H. (Jimmy) Street, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst has been selected as Baptist Brotherhood director for Mississippi Baptists, according to announcement made by D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Other members of the committee selecting the new worker were John D. Davis, of Greenville, and Harry Smallwood, of Laurel. In discussing him, Dr. McCall said: "Jimmy Street is one of the most popular men among Mississippi Baptists, and he will prove a capable leader in the Brotherhood department. He brings a wealth of preparation, ability and experience into this department. He will press Brotherhood work in all its particular phases, and at the same time will be available for pulpit service in regular preaching and for revivals. He will be of great assistance in associational missions and stewardship campaigns. We predict the men of the churches will rally to his leadership in a fine way."

The new Brotherhood secretary was born in Benton county, receiving his education at Myrtle high school, Clarke College, Mississippi College, and the Southern Baptist Seminary.

Among his pastorates have been Harpersville and Lena, Highland in



JAMES H. STREET

Meridian, West Laurel, Durant and Hazlehurst. He taught one year in Mississippi College as assistant in the Christianity department. He has always taken a deep interest in the whole state work, having been vice president of the State Convention, Convention preacher, and member of the Convention Board where he rendered outstanding service. He has served on the board of trustees of

Clarke College and at present is secretary of the board of trustees of Mississippi College.

Mrs. Street is the former Rosalind Shepherd, brilliant musician, talented teacher and former president of the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. The Streets have one son, Herbert.

June 1 is the date set for the new secretary to assume his duties. He will have headquarters at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

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## Most U. S. Clergymen Earn Less Than \$2,500 Annually

New York—(RNS)—Annual salaries of less than \$2,500 were received in 1939 by 90.8 per cent of the 112,509 clergymen in the United States who were engaged in the ministry 12 months of the year, it was revealed here by Information Service, weekly bulletin of the Federal Council of Churches.

Presenting statistics based on data from the Bureau of the Census, Information Service reported that 51 per cent of the clergymen received less than \$1,200 a year, and 24.4 per cent less than \$600. It observed that many of the latter probably had other occupations to supplement their income.

## Religious Liberty At San Francisco

J. M. Dawson, Chairman  
Southern Baptist Committee on  
World Peace

I came out to the conference of the United Nations on International Organization as an accredited observer for Southern Baptists and also as the official representative of the Joint Committee on Public Relations for our three Baptist Conventions, Northern, Negro, and Southern. Having attended all the plenary sessions of the conference and many group meetings beside, I feel I can fairly interpret the trend of things up to this writing.

It is altogether probable that the conference will be of a briefer duration than at first thought, because of the drawing to an end of the war in Germany which will demand the presence of Stettinius, Molotov and Eden for making the peace.

If early adjournment takes place there will be few amendments or revisions of proposals submitted. This will probably mean another conference or the setting up of machinery for carrying out adjustments and improvements through continuing commissions.

The amendment most likely to be adopted pertains to trusteeship of territories occupied during the war. The

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## SALVATION AND SONG ARE TWINS Greater Singing Needed For Greater Revivals

By B. B. McKinney

Great singing in mass evangelism performs a part not unlike the mechanized cavalry in the present warfare. The power of sacred song is exhaustless. Often a simple gospel hymn like an arrow will pierce a heart and cause it to yield to the loving Saviour. Singing comes knocking at the door of evangelism offering itself as a mighty agency to be employed in this our Centennial Year, and desiring no higher honor than to lay itself upon the altar that it may do its part in winning lost ones to the living Christ.

It calls upon us to use it to the utmost for the glory of God and the salvation of the lost; to give it a large place and employ it wisely in our crusade for a million souls in 1945.

Salvation and song are twins. Great revivals have ridden on the crest of sacred song throughout the ages. Mr. Moody often said that Mr. Sankey sang more people back to God than he ever preached back to God.

Too many churches are trying to have great revivals without great singing. Only two short congregational songs and one special number by the choir are insufficient. Tedious announcements and rather dry reports

before a sermon leave the congregation unprepared for the preacher. From twenty to thirty minutes should be given in the evening services to attractive, soulful, militant, enthusiastic congregational singing. The right kind of songs and the right kind of preaching will "prepare the ground for the sowing of the gospel seeds" by the preacher. Great singing should and will make it easy for the preacher to bring a warm evangelistic message.

If any church is to receive the largest possible returns they must begin weeks in advance the work of preparation, prayer and organization. Every church should make special music preparation for the coming revival. A revival choir is a decided asset provided the audience does not allow the choir to carry the burden of the singing. The revival choir should be organized and thoroughly trained preceding the revival. This choir should be composed of adults and young people who love the Lord and the unsaved. Ample platform room should be made available. An Intermediate and Junior choir should also be organized and trained for the revival services.

In the larger churches two well-

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## -Sparks & Splinters-

**Hickory Flat, Miss., April 29**—A record for church building was made by the Rev. Bilbo Lively, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Benton county, and his congregation. Within two months, the old church building was torn away and a new modern brick edifice was erected with Sunday school rooms and a large auditorium and new pews and interior finishing made and all debt free.

All intermediate Sunday school classes and departments are especially invited to hold radio breakfasts on Sunday morning, May 20, and be special guests of the Baptist Hour to hear Dr. M. E. Dodd, the speaker for that day. Plan this breakfast on next Sunday, May 13, and have full attendance at the radio breakfast on Sunday morning, May 20.

**Resource Book on Baptist Home Missions, 1945-1945**, edited by Joe W. Burton; pages, 96; paper, 40c. This book provides detailed suggestions for teaching the three reading books in the graded series on Home Mission history, namely, Epochs of Home Missions by Joe W. Burton; The Westward Way by Amy Compere Hicker-son; and Heroes of Home Missions by Willie Jean Stewart.

**Mr. Lawson H. Cooke, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South**, is sending out an unusually attractive chart in color graphically portraying the aims and objectives of the Brotherhood movement. Mr. Cooke is making it sure that the men may "see" with their eyes at a glance that the "Brotherhood promotes the whole program of the church and the denomination."

**Thousands of Junior Sunday school classes and departments held radio breakfasts on Sunday morning, April 22.** Reports indicate that many were saved. Please let us have your report so that we can send beautiful certificate and also place your Junior group in the permanent record of this first junior radio breakfast. Radio Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.

Will the readers kindly check the following list on which position they intend to occupy in the church during the remainder of this year: An attender or an absenter? A pillar or a sleeper? A wing or a weight? A power of a problem? A promoter or a provoker? A giver or a getter? A goer or a gadder? A doer or a dead-head? A booster or a bucker? A supporter or a sponger? A soldier or a slacker? A worker or a worrier? A friend or a faultfinder? A helper or a hinderer? Which?

**In The Baptist Record of May 3** the department of bookkeeping published a list of 100 leading churches' contributions to all causes beyond local churches. Ninety-five of these churches were Baptist Record churches. Five were not. Forty-eight of the first fifty were Baptist Record churches. Evidently The Baptist Record helps.

**W. J. Lites of Texas** has accepted the position of state Sunday school and Brotherhood secretary and will be on the field by May 1 in New Mexico.

**Rev. H. F. Burns, former editor of The Baptist New Mexican**, has given up his work as special page editor of The Baptist Standard of Texas, and has moved to Alabama to become pastor of First church, Centre.

**Editor A. L. Goodrich delivered the baccalaureate address at Meadville high school on Friday night, April 27.** Professor C. E. Smith, Mississippi College graduate, is superintendent and is held in high esteem by the school patrons. Pastor W. C. Stewart says he is a tower of strength in the church.

**So that GI's on the European front can have American beer**, the army for the first time in its history has gone into the beer manufacturing business, the quartermaster general office disclosed recently from Washington, D. C. Initial shipments of raw supplies and a staff of ten technicians and chemists furnished by the American beer industry, have been sent to France to start the beer barrels rolling. French brewists, whose beer offends the Yankee taste, will be adapted for production of the American product. Formulas and processes used by the United States bureaus will be followed by the army.

**The American Bible Society reports** that only about ten percent of the plates they had in Manila were damaged when the Japanese destroyed their Bible House. These plates, used in printing the Bible in Filipino dialect, were stored in concrete vaults.

**Kentucky Baptists will organize a Baptist Foundation similar to our own Baptist Foundation in Mississippi.** The purpose of the Foundation will be to solicit gifts for endowment and to supervise the endowments of the various Baptist institutions in Kentucky.

**Holly Springs: The little article, "Can You Top This?"** that appeared two weeks ago in the Record had quite a reception over the state. I have heard from it in many sections asking if "it was so." This shows how generally the paper is read and what a blessing it is being to the folks.—H. H. Aultman, pastor.

**Springhill church, Tallahatchie county**, will celebrate their one hundredth anniversary the fifth Sunday in July and all former pastors are asked to contact Rev. Oscar B. Robertson, Clinton. He says "We will be glad to pay up to \$10 traveling expense for any former pastor who will come and participate in the program."

**Chaplain James R. Smallwood, P. O. Box 1304, Dallas, Texas**, has recently received his honorable discharge from the army. He is a native of Mississippi, a graduate of Furman University and Southwestern Seminary. His last pastorate was Chandler, Oklahoma. He is married and has a son 18 years of age. We hope the Lord will lead some Mississippi church to call this Mississippian back home.

**Main Street church, Hattiesburg**, established a record in April when total budget gifts amounted to \$4,911 or more than \$500 more than ever before.

**D. W. Moulder had S. V. Gullett of Blue Mountain with him on April 29 for three sermons.** There were two additions to the church.

**Rev. A. B. Pierce, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation**, led Van Winkle church in one of its greatest revival meetings. The church was genuinely stirred and lifted by his messages. There was not a large ingathering. There were 13 additions, 10 by baptism and three by letter. On the following Sunday after the meeting closed, one other came for baptism. On Sunday, April 22, during the meeting, we had our record attendance at Sunday school: 201.

**Blue Mountain, Miss.—The Baptist Training Union of Blue Mountain College has elected the following general officers for 1945-46:** Director, Joyce Tyler, Picayune; assistant director, Annie Lou Anthens, Yazoo City; program chairman, Dorothy Smith, Carthage; secretary, Julia Calvin, Picayune; mission chairman, Frances Kinard, Meridian; Bible readers' leader, Kathleen Bush, Pinola; social chairman, Martha Murphy, Memphis, Tenn.; pianist, Jimmie McKenzie, Goodwood; chorister, June Emerson, Memphis, Tenn.; poster chairman, Mary Alice Taylor, Coffeeville.

**Don't forget that your faith is what you are rather than what you think.**

**Rev. J. H. Kyzar, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Laurens**, will conduct a union revival meeting at the Gray Court Methodist Church beginning May 13 and continuing through May 18. Rev. W. B. Bolt is pastor of the Gray Court Baptist Church.—Reporter, in The South Carolina Baptist Courier. (Editor's note: Pastor Kyzar was formerly pastor at Drew.)

**Rev. J. C. Murphy, pastor First church, Port Sulphur, Louisiana**, recently assisted Pastor E. M. Keebler and Richburg (Lebanon Association) in a revival. A. L. Langston directed the music and Miss Lucille Roberts of Mississippi Southern College was the pianist.

**Blue Mountain, Miss., May 4**—The following Blue Mountain College students of the present session have been engaged for full-time field work this summer by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention: Mamie Booth, Mathiston; Corrine Griffin, Laurel; Edna Mae Gunter, Sallis; Jean McCarty, Birmingham, Ala.; Helen Masters, Miami, Florida; Sara Neely, Charleston; Clyde Whiteside, Myrtle; Laverne Viverette, Union; Betty Lou McNeil, Bristol, Va.; Margaret Pritchard, Liberty.

**Evangelistic Rally held: The Lawrence County Association held an evangelistic rally at Shiloh Baptist Church last fifth Sunday, April 29.** The attendance was large and the interest was fine from the first morning service to the closing service in the afternoon. Mr. E. V. Catt led the singing. Good messages were delivered by Rev. Stanley Smith, Rev. P. B. Green, Rev. B. S. Hilbun, Rev. D. O. Horne and others. The vote was unanimous to hold another one the fifth Sunday in July and a committee was appointed to survey the county's needs for revival meetings.—B. E. Phillips, moderator.

**To help returning service men**, whether able-bodied or handicapped, to pick up the threads of their civilian lives with the least possible confusion, the Public Affairs Committee of New York has published the Veteran's Guide, a 32-page, illustrated pamphlet prepared by Dallas Johnson. This timely handbook addresses itself to the problems facing our ex-service men and women from the very day they receive their discharge papers and their five-cents-a-mile travel allowance; it is a sequel to Dallas Johnson's pamphlet "Facts and Tips for Service Men and Women," which dealt with rights and privileges while in service and which was issued by the committee last year. The pamphlet sells for ten cents and may be ordered from the Public Affairs Committee, Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, 20, N. Y.

**Rev. E. M. Keebler has resigned McNeill (Pearl River Association) and Richburg (Lebanon Association) in order to accept the pastorate at Mosselle for full time.**

**Said one pastor: "If absence makes the heart grow fonder, what a lot of folks must love this church!"**

**When the way is not clear keep to the right.**

**Boulder, Colo.—The following display advertisement appeared in the local daily paper: "Attention Please: Please do not call or expect service on V-E Day. The first twenty-four hours we will fast and give thanks to our Almighty God for His love and mercy. Signed: City Taxi."**

**Washington—Representative Edwin Arthur Hall (D-NY)** announced he will shortly introduce a concurrent resolution in the House of Representatives providing for lifting of all restraints against church or religious meetings, no matter how many persons are invited or how far they have to travel. The resolution was written after Congressman Hall had received a letter from a prominent Baptist clergyman in Binghamton, N. Y., protesting against convention restrictions.

**Editor Goodrich recently preached at Oak Grove church, Jefferson Davis county**, while Pastor Sewell was away in a meeting. Sunday School Superintendent Holloway is proud of the Sunday school. The people are in love with the pastor and gladly follow his leadership. It is an EVERY FAMILY church.

**Rome—(By Wireless)—Myron C. Taylor, who has served as President Roosevelt's personal representative at the Vatican since December, 1939**, has been confirmed by President Harry S. Truman to continue in that office, according to reliable sources here.

**Editor Goodrich supplied the pulpit at Prentiss April 29 and May 6** while the pastor, Dr. W. L. Sewell, was assisting in a revival at Temple church, Ruston, La., and later spending a few days with his mother. Dr. Sewell and Prentiss Baptists are in high gear with all organizations doing superb work.

**Rev. Montie A. Davis, pastor of East Moss Point church**, writes that his son, John, who has been a patient in government hospitals continuously since October 1943, came home recently. Doctors and nurses had despaired of his life many times. He is classified as permanently disabled. Another son, Montie, Jr., has been promoted to the rank of captain. He is a pilot and had made 3 missions over Germany by April 1.

**Beginning Sunday night, April 22, and continuing through Friday night, April 27, I had the privilege of working with Rev. W. S. Hardin in a revival meeting in the church at Drew.** Bro. Hardin is a choice Christian leader. The church has a marvelous spirit and quite obviously they are devoted to Pastor and Mrs. Hardin. Mrs. Hardin presided at the organ during the revival and Miss Jayne Style led the singing. Hundreds of school children were with us in the morning services and the music was superb. Stereoptican slides were used to throw the words of songs and choruses on the wall. A fine group of additions was made to the church.—Chester L. Quarles.

**Can you top this: Sunday, May 6, Oak Grove church, Jeff Davis county, had 70 people in Sunday school. The enrollment is 62, and Dr. W. L. Sewell is pastor.**



# Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18.

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." Hab. 3:2. "The morning light is breaking, the darkness disappears." Revival fires are breaking out in separate spots over our state. The evangelistic spirit grows apace in some places. Personally, we have had some of the best revival meetings of our ministry in some recent meetings. We have been privileged to preach in six revivals the first four months of this year, and only one of the six failed in generating real spiritual results. Some of the results were unusual. A number of other preachers and churches have experienced similar blessings. We cannot say this is true generally as yet, however. This we admit regretfully. Some brethren seem afraid. One is afraid of this thing, while another is afraid of that thing. Christian soldiers dominated by fear do not win in the conflict against sin and for the Saviour. If ever the people of Christ needed to go "all out" for Christ, that time is now.

Those of us at home need it. Returned service men need it. A great post-war Christian avalanche of progress will demand it. The oncoming rush of infidelity and godlessness generally will be stopped by nothing less than an "all out" effort for Christ.

We have all of this, and more, in the Centennial Crusade—the mighty "all out" effort for Mississippi Baptists! See that your church in every department and every phase of its life is completely taken up with those things in Christ! See that your reports of progress get to your associational director! See that your associational reports get into the hands of the state evangelistic director, Dr. W. A. Bell, Jackson, 126 Eureka street! See that your church takes a Centennial Crusade offering, April-June! Follow the spiritual objectives of the Centennial Crusade Calendar of Activities! See that your church has two or three spiritual revivals this year. Discover churchless areas, see that revivals are held, Mission Sunday schools established and churches organized. Help pastorless churches. Distribute good literature!

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18.

We heard a good gospel message at Griffith Memorial. Dr. Leroy Green, Pascagoula, was the preacher. Brother Marston led in a spiritual song service. Pastor Ferrell and the church welcomed one new member by letter. Dr. W. C. Boone brought a splendid message on John 14 at First Baptist Church, Jackson. It was a helpful service! Dr. Hewitt presided in his usual gracious manner! Because of engagements these were the only two Jackson revival services we could attend.

We visited Amory "Youth Week," speaking three times to excellent audiences. Superintendent of Schools T. N. Touchstone, a prominent Christian layman, is rendering outstanding service. The boys and girls were fine. A great congregation filled the Baptist church in the evening. Pastor and Mrs. Measells were fine, as always. Pastor Measells is one of our best preachers. Fine fellowship!

The B. S. U. retreat opened at Calvary with a good attendance. Miss Hammett, president, had arranged a good program. The singing was inspiring. Brethren Geren, New Orleans, and John Busby, Jackson, brought helpful messages. We were privileged to open the meeting with a message. The young people were great.

Chaplain Ralph W. Rogers, Headquarters Fourth Service Command, Atlanta 3, Georgia, writes that Southern Baptists have been given a new quota of 154 chaplains for the army at home and abroad. We are happy to pass this information along to our brethren in the hope that the Lord will lead us in the doing of our part in meeting this great need.

Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia, writes of a great meeting with Pastor Graeser and Eighth Avenue, Meridian, in which there were 30 additions, more than 20 being for baptism.

Pastor J. F. Brantley writes that Watts Memorial has received 224 by letter and 140 for baptism since December 1943! Doxology!

It seems to us that Baptists have suffered from the fact that laymen have not been instructed in elementary church history covering the centuries between the New Testament and the present. In such study they would have seen and understood: (1) the rise of the Holy Catholic church—that is not "holy," neither "Catholic," nor a "church"; (2) the ministry degenerating into a priesthood, (3) the emergence of the doctrine of "sacramental grace," and (4) persecution of dissenting groups holding New Testament doctrines as, salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bible as the sole rule of faith and practice, believers' baptism, a pure church, and separation of church and state. They would be inspired at the knowledge of men and women going to a violent death rather than deny the faith. Some of these were Felicitas, Perpetua, Arnold, Huss, Peter of Bruys, and Henry of Lausanne. Others like John Bunyan, Savonarola, and Martin Luther also suffered for the sake of truth.

In a bit of personal work in company with a pastor we recently heard an elderly man say he did not believe anybody loved Jesus enough to suffer for Him. How scant the knowledge of such a person! How colorless the love and loyalty of so many church members as to be unimpressive!

Are most Baptist churches today governed by the deacons, ruled by the pastor, or enjoying good old fashioned New Testament congregational, democratic government?

A church class in a one-volume History of Baptists would prove profitable to any church. Then, follow through with a study of a History of Mississippi Baptists.

Many laymen lightly regard the doctrines or teachings of the New Testa-

ment because they do not realize at what price in life, energy, blood, sweat, suffering and tears they came down to us. We can see why some laymen have this lack. The thing we cannot understand is how some preachers, having studied church history and knowing of these struggles, have so little appreciation for them.

Too often today the Baptist church is really an episcopacy, being run by some official group rather than being congregational and democratic in government.

Again, it is papal in government, as the preacher runs it, and tells every dissenter where to "head in."

We lose precious elements of New Testament church life as we get away from the democracy of the scriptural church.

We like the democracy of the church and the denomination. Let us not leave it behind.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18.

We feel humble and happy over seeing more people walk the aisles for Christ the first four months of the year than for any similar period in our ministry. We know some pastors and churches are claiming the promises of God. God is anxious to bless!

If members and leaders cut with all known sin God will shower His blessings! He will not enter into partnership with sin! Sins and the unregenerate are catalogued in these scriptures: Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3-6; Colossians 3:5-9; Revelation 21:8; I Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 1:18-32, etc.

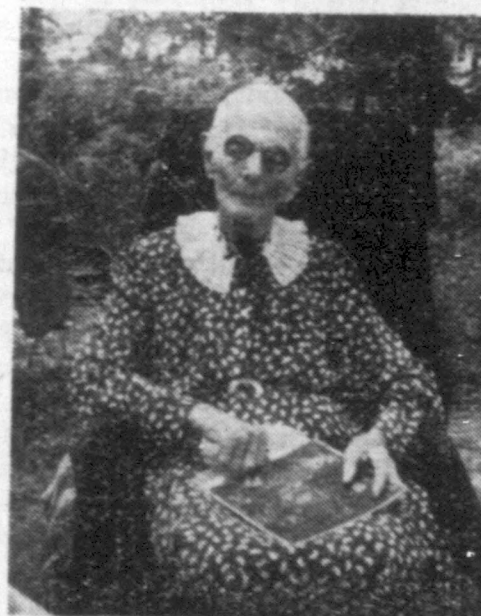
The way of power and victory is the way of the separated, the consecrated life. Romans 12:1-2.

## State Missions Score Again

Dr. W. E. Greene, serving as part time enlistment pastor along with his duties as president of Clarke Memorial College, has reported for March as follows: Professions of faith, 150 (about 100 of these in schoolhouse revivals); for membership, 48; revivals held, 3; tracts distributed, 1,200; appointments, 13; contacts, 50; tract pockets given to preachers, 12; for school, tracts distributed, 5,000; services held, 30; professions, 40; contacts, 65; hospital visits, 3; Sunday school services, 5.

This should make the hearts of Mississippi Baptists who have a part in this state mission work sing a constant doxology!

## 100 Years Young



ADELINE WOOTEN

"Aunt" Adeline Wooten, living at Noxapater is one hundred years of age, remarkably well preserved, has been a Christian since childhood and says that she feels God still has a purpose in prolonging her life. She lives with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Crow.

In a recent conversation with her pastor she said that she was ready for the crossing when the Lord called.

Raleigh, N. C.—(RNS)—The House of the North Carolina legislature has enacted into law a Senate bill authorizing corporations to make contributions to religious, charitable and educational organizations and to deduct the amount of contributions from their state income tax returns.

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, recently closed a good revival in which Dr. H. D. Bruce, president of the East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, Texas, did the preaching. Mr. Harry Miner of Ama-

## Miss. College Ministerial Association Launches Radio Program

Ray Megginson

Recently the Ministerial Association of Mississippi inaugurated a weekly fifteen minute radio program over Radio Station WSLI, in Jackson. Through the generosity of the management of the station the preachers are now able to broadcast the gospel every Saturday at 1:30 o'clock p. m. Not only is the program being used to spread the gospel but also to share with the public the talent and the spirit of our college.

Rev. Tom Phifer, who has charge of the program, is chairman of the radio committee of the association, and Rev. Ted Clarke is the music director.

The program consists of singing by members of the association, special music, and a short message by a member of the group. Rev. Woodrow Clarke was the speaker on the first broadcast while O. C. Chance brought the second message. The Hillman trio, Miss Lou Case, Miss Jean Parker and Miss Rachel Wagner, has been the added attraction on several of the broadcasts.

Dayton, Ohio—(RNS)—The ODT's War Committee on Conventions has approved the 34th quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, to be held at Westerville, Ohio May 15-25, it was announced here.

rillo led the singing. There were thirty additions to the church. Dr. H. H. Hargrove, pastor, reports that the work of the church is making splendid progress. The first four months of the financial year, the total gifts to the church were \$26,674.55.



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## Mother's Day

While the formal observance of Mother's Day dates from 1908 when Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, observed the day in memory of her own mother and began a nationwide movement to have the day observed throughout the nation, the apostle Paul's second letter to young Timothy, written centuries earlier, reminds him of the faith found in his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois.

As sons and daughters are separated widely from their mothers this another war year, their hearts turn to memories of home as it was before the war. Mothers will recall Mother's Days when the children were in grade school and brought home gifts made with blunt scissors, paper and paste and signed in childish handwriting. "To Mother, with Love." Then will come the memory of the corsage of red roses bought with money made on the first paper route by that son in his early teens. Other mothers will remember the lisping words of that loving but timid daughter.

Mother's Day 1945 will find many mothers working at war jobs so that their sons and daughters in service may soon come home. Mothers who are now grandmothers and great-grandmothers, will receive words from far and near as members of the family, who are scattered, send greetings in the form of letters, cards, flowers and material gifts.

Very young mothers will receive gifts from fathers far away as they send gifts to "mother" in the name of that baby whom they have never seen.

Mother's Day is a time for expressing love to the one who was willing to go into the valley of the shadow of death that another life

might come into the world.

Many will pay tribute to the memory of their mothers. And even as poignant memories bring tears, there will also be rejoicing for the faith of a Christian mother and all her attributes of gentleness, tenderness, purity, unselfishness and love, which made her life beautiful. Thanksgiving will prevail for the influence which, after years of physical separation, may still direct the thoughts, words and deeds of her children.

Love is eternal and God is love. Whatever capacity for love there is in us is because of God's gift to us, expressed to the ultimate in His gift of Christ as our Saviour.

On this Mother's Day honor your mother or the memory of your mother by honoring her God. Let your life honor Him as you serve Him.

—BR—

## A Good Servant

On another page is a report of the annual meeting of the Relief and Annuity Board held several weeks ago in Dallas, Texas. The report was prepared by Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City pastor and Mississippi member of the Relief and Annuity Board.

We have also received the full reports prepared by Executive Secretary Thomas J. Watts; Associate Executive Secretary Walter R. Alexander and Treasurer Orville C. Groner.

Pastor Olander has done an excellent job of reporting for in a short article he has put the gist of the facts submitted by Messrs. Watts, Alexander and Groner.

The Relief and Annuity Board has been a good servant, according to the report submitted. Increases are shown in all items, financially and numerically.

Mississippi should have more than 355 pastors and 571 churches cooperating. There are 700 pastors and 1650 churches in Mississippi.

And the sad thing about the above figures is that those who most need the protection of the Ministers' Retirement Plan compose most of the number not in the plan. Most, if not all, of the pastors with good salaries and therefore the means to prepare for a rainy day, are in the plan.

Most of those not members are in the small churches and small income group. They are less likely to prepare for the day of need. They will need the protection of the Ministers' Retirement Plan and many will not have it.

Certainly everyone should be interested in seeing that the \$10,000,000 endowment, suggested by the 1922 Southern Baptist Convention, is raised, thus undergirding all the work of the Relief and Annuity Board.

## Southern Baptists Are 100 Years Old

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized on May 8, 1845 in Augusta, Georgia, in response to the call of the Virginia Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. Some 321 representatives from churches in the following states took part in the organization: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, and the District of Columbia. Within a few years five other states had joined these: Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas.

The growth of Baptist work in the South since 1845 has been one of the most amazing records in the annals of all church history. Today, the Southern Baptist Convention is one of the largest evangelical bodies in the world, and leads the world in baptisms, in Sunday schools, in Training Union work, and in evangelism. The following table shows some of the ways in which Baptist work in the South has grown in the past one hundred years:

1845	1945
13—Co-operating states .....	20
212—District associations ....	925
412—Churches ...	25,965
2,005—Ministers ...	24,011
22,891—Baptisms ...	218,223
351,941—Membership	5,667,926
1,218—Sunday schools	24,626
78,900—Enrollment...	3,380,630
\$27,012—Gifts to missions...	
0—B. T. U. organizations...	48,857
0—B. T. U. enrollment ...	759,885
0—W. M. U. organizations...	38,695
0—Orphanages ..	18
0—Hospitals ...	19
0—Seminaries...	3
12—Colleges ....	67

The next 100 years should be even better.

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## A Good Suggestion

According to a Religious News Service dispatch Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, chairman of the Service Commission of the World Council of Churches, suggests a thank offering on the Sunday after V-E Day.

This is a wise idea and should be met with widespread approval. Those who have loved ones in the European war zones should prove their thanks by their deeds (gifts).

Those whose loved ones have lost their lives could make an offering in memory of their beloved dead.

Those whose loved ones have not yet reached the fighting fronts

should make an offering because of their thankfulness that those dear to them are to be spared the dangers of the German war front.

And in Mississippi it would be appropriate to combine the Mother's Day Hospital offering and the V-E Day offering into one great, generous gift to Mississippi Baptists' own hospital.

The Religious News dispatch follows:

New York—All churches in America were urged here to take a "great thank-offering for victory" on the Sunday following the day that peace is proclaimed in Europe, to be used for post-war relief and reconstruction on the Continent.

The suggestion was made by Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, chairman of the Service Commission of the World Council of Churches, who also urged that a similar offering be taken for reconstruction in Asia after the end of hostilities in the Pacific.

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## Do Three Good Deeds With One Good Gift

Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day has been designated by Mississippi Baptists as Hospital Day. Every Mississippi Baptist church is urged to make a Mother's Day offering for the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. All such offerings are to be used for the Fannie Traylor Memorial.

The Baptist Hospital hopes that receipts from this offering, added to the funds from the recent campaign, will make the total at least \$300,000, which is the minimum needed for the proposed enlargement.

Money now in sight amounts to approximately \$275,000. Surely our more than 1,500 Baptist churches can raise at least \$25,000 on Mother's Day.

This Mother's Day hospital offering offers an opportunity to do three good deeds with one gift:

1. Honor our mothers with a worthy contribution.

2. Honor the memory of Miss Fannie Traylor, beloved by all Mississippi Baptists and for 29 years connected with Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi.

3. Help erect a much-needed building at the Baptist Hospital.

One recent case came to our knowledge. A young mother, whose husband is with the Seventh Army in France, took her three-year-old child to a physician. He recognized the seriousness of the case and ordered the child to the hospital. Not a room in a Jackson hospital was available. A few ward beds were unoccupied, but the disease was contagious and

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agreement of the United States is that the bases will be kept, but possession, control and management of the territories will be in hands of trustees appointed by the international organization. This will be better than for the United Nations to violate the provisions of the Atlantic Charter and for our nation to turn imperialistic.

Another important matter urged by religious organizations represented at the conference is for the establishment of a Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms. This commission would enunciate a Bill of Rights, which would include guarantees of religious liberty. Failing in this, advocates of religious liberty would appeal for a statement in the preamble or inserted at some appropriate place, which would offer guiding principles. Another plan would be to expand the sentence relating to "fundamental freedoms" as it now stands in the section of the proposals of Dumbarton Oaks, which have to do with the Social and Economic Council.

Interviews with Commander Stassen and Senator Connally, two influential American delegates, led me to feel it will be almost impossible to get a very definite statement on religious liberty, but whatever is done favorably will mark a long step forward in the world's attitude. I am full of hope, but not jubilant. Just as our Constitution was a compromise, it is likely that this one for world cooperation will be. This is only a beginning, too, of what can be improved and perfected as time goes by. We must be realistic enough to accept what is possible, and work from this outward and onward. Happily for Baptists in their strenuous efforts for religious liberty, nearly every other religious group in America has come around to their position on the question.

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**SALVATION AND SONG ARE TWINS**

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tuned pianos should be used with the organ. One piano is enough with the organ in the average church. Where there is no organ two pianos can be used very effectively. Organists and pianists who are not heartily in sympathy with evangelistic work should never be selected to play for revivals. Too many churches are prone to use home talent when a new leader is definitely needed.

Many churches are satisfied with the usual Sunday morning singing. It is not the usual singing we need in revivals but we certainly need unusual singing. There is a vast difference in a worship service and an evangelistic service. A revival demands a different type of music. A revival demands hymns that will produce results—evangelistic results—gospel hymns that will turn sinners to God and eternal life.

Let us remember that the musical portion of an evangelistic service is tremendously important. Let us make each song service so interesting that it will add immeasurably to the drawing power of the service; so inspiring that multitudes will be drawn to God's house and to the foot of the cross.

Let us remember that the singing church is a live church—a soul-winning church. Everyone should be urged and inspired to sing. The vast majority of people love to sing and will sing if they are given a chance. Unfortunately in many conventions, assemblies, conferences, and in some

**Watts Memorial Dedicated****WATTS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH****J. F. Brantley**

On Sunday, April 22, 1945, at the 11 o'clock hour, Watts Memorial Baptist Church, Pascagoula, was dedicated free of debt. Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, brought the message after three of our brethren had placed the match to the note.

This young church owes its origin to the mission-minded First Baptist Church of Pascagoula. This great church under the leadership of Pastors W. L. Day and L. E. Green caught a vision of the opportunity for Baptists on the coast. Under the leadership of Brother Day a mission Sunday school was started in the southwest section of the city. This mission Sunday school, started in the garage of Brother A. B. Crane, a little later moved to its building on Henry avenue, where on December 28, 1941, it became the fully organized Second Baptist Church, with Brother J. L. Morgan as pastor.

With the influx of hundreds of people into the new housing project, the First church, under the leadership of Dr. L. E. Green, saw a mission task in that area. Soon a Sunday school was under way. Brother John Watts came to lead, and on August 2, 1942, the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church was organized, and its ministry blessed the entire community.

These two bodies in time came to be strong churches taking their rightful place among the other churches of the Jackson County Association. Whatever the history of Watts Memorial church has been or shall be, it will ever be forced to pause and pay tribute to these first pastors and members who gave their time, prayers, and money, when greatest sacrifice was exacted.

Also the accomplishments of Watts Memorial church so far have been largely due to the fine strength of the Lincoln Avenue and Second churches which came together on June 20, 1943, to consolidate their memberships,

churches and revivals, very little time is given for the singing of the gospel. Let's give more time and thought to great singing. Through the thirty-five years of leadership in song this writer has not experienced a great revival without great singing. Let us make this a real singing crusade for souls in this year of 1945 for the sake of the One who faced the cross with a song, our blessed redeeming Christ.

properties, and opportunities. The strength of the consolidating bodies gave a start not afforded many new churches.

Rev. J. F. Brantley was called as pastor and Rev. John Watts as associate pastor. Brother Brantley continues as pastor. Brother Watts is serving as a chaplain in the Naval Reserve.

On August 2, 1943, the foundation of our new auditorium was started and on December 5, 1943, the first services were held. Valued at more than \$25,000, the debt stood that December day at \$10,500.

Today it stands free of all debt. More than 280 have united with the church by transfer of letter, and more than 150 by baptism. The Sunday school, housed in a separate building in the rear of the auditorium, has an enrollment of 497 with an average attendance of 348. The B. T. U. has 175 enrolled with an average attendance of 112.

The total offerings for all purposes during this short history of the church have been \$58,517.30. It is our plan to immediately enlarge our mission gifts in the budget, which now has \$120 per month set aside for the Cooperative Program.

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**Crenshaw Sends Another**

One of The Baptist Record's best friends is Rev. E. D. Crenshaw. Having tried The Baptist Record at other churches he recently led Bethesda church, Neshoba county, to make the Record a part of the program.

Neshoba county new has Record readers listed as follows: Beat Line 2, BLACK JACK 17, Bluff Springs 11, COLDWATER 44, County Line 2, DIXON 22, EMMANUEL 17, Good Hope 1, HOPE 36, LINWOOD 18, McDonald 4, NESHOPA 37, OAK GROVE 18, Pearl Valley 2, PHILADELPHIA FIRST 271, Salem 4, SARDIS 35, Antioch 1, NEW HOPE 12, SPRING CREEK 25, SOUTHSIDE 14, NEW HARMONY 28, LAUREL HILL 23, HIGH HILL 29, BETHSAIDA 19, MT. CHURCH WRITES WOUNDED CARMEL 13, Deemer 7.

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Rev. Morrell Lee, pastor, Roseland Park church, Picayune, has sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

**Foundation Holds Money For MSCW Student Center**

Some months ago it was published that the Baptist Student Union Committee at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, had decided to raise the money and build a Baptist Student Center Building on the present lot now occupied by the Baptist Workshop. There were several friends in Columbus and over the state that sent in contributions. They now have on hand in this fund more than eleven hundred dollars. Without any drive or effort this amount came in. This so encouraged the committee that they got an architect in Nashville to make a drawing of what they needed. This was done and it is estimated that the building will cost some \$45,000.

The B. S. U. committee asked the Mississippi Baptist Foundation to act as treasurer and trustee for this fund. The money will be invested so that it will make what interest it can, and be available at any time the committee is ready to begin the building. The Foundation is keeping the name of each person making a gift to this fund, and if enough money is not received to construct the building in a reasonable length of time, the amount can be returned to the donor.

With some three hundred, or more, Baptist girls in this great school each year, this building is acutely needed to promote a worthy Christian program on the campus. If parents, former students and friends will give to this needy and worthy cause, enough money will soon be in hand to build it. They plan to raise the money before beginning construction.

Send your gifts directly to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi, and state that it is for the Baptist Student Center Building, Columbus, Mississippi.

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a possible 18,000 to 20,000 pastors 8,923 are participating. Out of approximately 25,000 churches 11,362 are cooperating. Besides this there are many lay workers in the churches and in the institutions who have not entered the various plans set up for them.

This large group that has not been enlisted encourages Congress to pass legislation which would bring all the churches, church institutions and agencies under the National Security Program.

**2. A Quest for Funds.**

A quest for funds for greatly enlarged resources . . . thus undergirding all of our plans for the days that are ahead. At the present time the endowment assets amount to only \$1,500,000. This should be increased to a minimum of \$10,000,000.

This is not a new suggestion. It was made by the committee that reviewed the Relief and Annuity report at the 1922 Convention.

The time to do this is NOW. Southern Baptists have the means to do it with and the desire to make a worthwhile investment like this, thus assuring God's faithful servants more financial security in old age in the decades to come.

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East Moss Point: The average attendance in Sunday school for the month of April was the best average attendance in two years.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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**COUNSELORS' BANQUET**—A letter from Mrs. J. Lowell Stewart, the Young People's leader of Pearl River Association, brings news of a **COUNSELORS' BANQUET!** There were twenty-six counselors present at Juniper Grove church for this unusual affair. The counselors were making plans for the promotion of the work and having fellowship. This is the first such banquet that has been reported to this office.

**GIRLS' AUXILIARIES** at the Baptist Orphanage. Mrs. Juanita Page, the matron of the Lipsey building serves also as the counselor for her girls and gives herself to this added opportunity for helping her girls. Mrs. Page wants these girls to have this mission emphasis and training and feels that these organizations are the channel for such emphasis. The following are the officers: Intermediate G. A., Florence Hoza, president; Christian Jordan, vice president; Sadie Lee Barber, secretary, and Corleene Capes, program chairman. The Junior G. A. has the following officers: Carolyn Whatley, president; Joyce Simpson, vice president; Bobbie Earle Westrop, secretary; Madge Bryan, treasurer, and Nina Jeanne Oglesby, program chairman.

**SHANNON B. W. C.**—Mrs. Lem Stallings is circle chairman of this new business women's circle. Twelve women were present for the first meeting, and there are possibilities of thirty-five members.

**Y. W. A. SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT!!!** "The YWA camp that stayed at home"—yes, Ridgecrest Y. W. A. camp will come to you since we can't go to Ridgecrest. Attractive plans are being worked out for ALL YWA's to have a special emphasis during the period June 13-21, the dates when we would have had YWA camp at Ridgecrest. Extra special plans for JUNE 15 will come to you soon!!

### Purpose and Plans of Woman's Missionary Union

(Prepared for the Centennial Crusade Handbook)  
Kathleen Mallory  
Executive Secretary

When the Southern Baptist Convention was only forty-three years and three days old its auxiliary, Woman's Missionary Union, was organized on May 11, 1888, in Richmond, Virginia. However, during the entire history of the Convention and for all the earlier time of the Triennial Convention there had been quite a few missionary organizations among the women and young people in Southern Baptist churches. Indeed, the seventeen foreign mission societies named in the first (1814) report of the Triennial Convention eight were from the South. It is also true that before 1800 there was a "Juvenile Missionary and Educational Society" in the First Baptist Church of Charleston, S. C., and by 1811 if not earlier there was in the adjacent community the Wadmalaw and Edisto Female Mite

Society. The latter is the first society among Southern Baptist women known to have contributed to missions, giving in 1812 for a school among the Catawba Indians \$122.50.

Just as Dr. Richard Fuller was the human inspiration for many of these pioneer organizations, so Luther Rice was God's instrument for the forming of a steadily increasing number of Southern Baptist missionary societies throughout the period of the Triennial Convention. Cherished by all W. M. U. members is the memory of one young pioneer of those days, Henrietta Hall Shuck of Virginia who was the first American woman missionary to go (1836) to China. Another remarkable woman of a slightly later date was Mrs. Ann Graves of Maryland. When the Southern Baptist Convention met in Baltimore in 1868, Mrs. Graves requested the women attending the Convention to meet in the basement of the church, where she explained to them the need of support of Chinese Bible women in the work of her son, Dr. Roswell Graves in Canton. By 1871 the Baptist women of Baltimore were organized under the title "Woman's Mission to Women," appeals being sent from it to other Southern Baptist women throughout the south. In a few years central committees in the various states were formed by the women to promote the work of the S. B. C. Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Thus was the way constructively built for the organization of Woman's Missionary Union in 1888.

Its title includes the expression, "Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention," even as its preamble states that the Union has as its purpose to "stimulate a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of the churches and to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and by the Woman's Missionary Union." Perhaps one of the best proofs that the Union has definitely helped the Convention is the fact that by 1944 the W. M. U. gifts through the S. B. C. Home Mission Board amounted to \$9,676,515.67 and through the Foreign Mission Board to \$19,920,741.76. Both of these boards and all other agencies of the Convention that were hampered by debts prior to 1944 were also deeply grateful for the Union's gifts (1940-43) of \$1,003,269.27 for south-wide debt-clearance, the same period of time being marked by W. M. U. gifts of \$584,664.98 for state debts. Marvelous also is the fact that W. M. U. organizations gave in 1943 to state and south-wide causes a total of \$4,673,455.43 of which nearly half (\$2,277,901.58) was for the Co-operative Program. Of course the totals are not available for this present calendar year but during the first half of the year Woman's Missionary Union gave to the Co-operative Program \$1,146,336.73.

One of the most gratifying features of any such record is that it was accomplished by a host of people. There are now 715,433 W. M. U. members of

whom 327,119 are children and older youth. These young people belong to 6,618 Sunbeam Bands, 5,644 Royal Ambassador chapters, 9,312 Girls' auxiliaries and 4,734 Young Woman's Auxiliaries. The 388,314 adult members constitute 12,387 Woman's Missionary Societies. Last year these societies held 28,630 mission study classes, the young people having 19,537 such classes. Among the reminders toward such study was the respective organization's Standard of Excellence, over one-seventh of the organizations attaining the A-1 rank.

Among the things that definitely promote such excellency are the up-to-date missionary programs in the union's three monthlies—"Royal Service" for the adult women, "The Window of Y. W. A." for the younger women, "World Comrades" for the other young people. In 1945 these magazines will have the added privilege of promoting the Centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention. For instance: the topic for January is "Working Together for a Century"; for May, "Consecrating the Centennial to Christ"; for September, "Women in Southern Baptist History." These magazines have a combined circulation for October (44) of 205,300. Thus it is easy to understand that the many readers and earnest students of these magazines will have "zeal according to knowledge" of the past history of Southern Baptists.

Thus informed they are quite apt to "go from strength to strength" as they plan for and proceed into the future. Among the avenues for advanced service three may well be emphasized. First, the urge for personal witnessing of faith in Jesus Christ. All of the W. M. U. organizations are to study about community missions in August of 1945, the hope being that many will put forth exceptional efforts to win souls. The evangelistic power of cottage prayer meetings will be emphasized, the women being reminded that their homes can thus be blessed and be a blessing. It is remembered with gratification that the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade is recommending cottage prayer meetings, even as it will seek to have each S. B. C. church during 1945 hold at least two revivals—one for its own congregation and one in an un-churched community. Earnestly it is desired that W. M. U. members participate prayerfully and otherwise actively in each revival.

Another benefit from promoting the Centennial that should accrue to and through members of Woman's Missionary Union is keener perception of and humbler acknowledgement of their stewardship in behalf of the kingdom of God. One of the W. M. U. goals in behalf of the S. B. C. Centennial is an increase in 1945 of \$50,000 over the Union's designated gifts in 1944 to the Co-operative Program. The achieving of this high goal is apt to give determination to advance in regular gifts year by year. Among those who are surely to be depended upon are the tithers among the women (109,338) and among the young people (39,099). The W. M. S. Stan-

dard of Excellence calls for an annual 10 per cent net increase in the number of W. M. S. tithers. So far as the young people are concerned, their standards do not specify as to an increase in tithers, the theory being that it should not thus be suggested to young Christians that any of them could afford not to tithe.

It is with and through the W. M. U. young people that the Union can and must receive its third great blessing from participation in the Centennial. Readily it is conceded that "today's youth is tomorrow's hope." Such is the title for the W. M. U. programs in June ('45), it being also true that in the following October the attention of the entire Union will be focused on the denomination's schools and seminaries. Earnestly it is hoped that many mothers will thus come to yearn for their sons and daughters to be trained for definitely Christian service and that many a noble boy and many an attractive girl will rejoice to answer: "Here am I, send me!"

### History of Home Missions

Southern Baptists, from the organization of their Convention, in 1845, have majored on missions. Indeed, it is a fact apparent to the most casual student that engagements in the missions was the one object which prompted the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention a hundred years ago.

In a special way their distinctive work for a century has been in the field of Home Missions. Only in the South could Southern Baptists develop a mission work peculiarly expressive of themselves.

Their record in this field should be known to the present generation of Southern Baptists. In an effort to popularize this century's history, the Home Mission Board has published a graded series of reading books as follows:

"Epochs of Home Missions," by Joe W. Burton, 50c. For adults and young people.

"The Westward Way," by Amy Compere Hickerson, 50c. For Intermediates and young people.

"Heroes of Home Missions," by Willie Jean Stewart, 40c. For boys and girls.

There is a fourth volume in the series, "Resource Book on Baptist Home Missions"—40c, 1845-1945, which offers teaching suggestions for the other three. It is also a useful guide in preparing any program on the history of Home Missions.

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Philadelphia, Pa.—Dr. Clarence W. Hall, editor of The Link and the Chaplain, monthly periodicals published by the Service Men's Christian League for the armed forces, will leave shortly for a tour of South Pacific areas as correspondent for Religious News Service. In a series of dispatches he will report church and chaplaincy developments in the Philippines and other islands. (Editor's note: The Baptist Record is a subscriber to Religious News Service and thus will receive Dr. Hall's articles.)



## 28 Minutes Lacking

Again we call attention to the fact that it would be very helpful to this office if we had a complete file of association minutes. We list the following who have not sent us the minutes of their association, and we will be grateful for receiving these, since it means much to the office in being able to supply data upon requests from people all over Mississippi. This we cannot do unless we have the information at hand. The association minutes lacking follow: Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Liberty, Perry, Rankin, Tippah, Union, Walthall, Bolivar, lin, Kemper, Mississippi, Noxubee, Columbus, Deer Creek, Adams-Frank-Pike, Pontotoc, Smith, Covington, Attala, George, Greene, Lebanon, Monroe, Montgomery, Tate and Winston.—D. A. McCall.

## DALEVILLE SENDS LIST

Daleville church, Lauderdale county, has joined the growing list of Baptist Record churches. Recently a nice list of 15 was received from Mrs. L. R. McLeland, church treasurer.

Lauderdale county Record readers are now listed as follows: MT. OLIVE 15, BETHANY 27, COLLINSVILLE 19, DALEVILLE 15, FELLOWSHIP 22, GOODWATER 13, HICKORY GROVE 12, Hickory Ridge 9, HIGHLAND 316, Hopewell 1, KEWANEE 13, LAUDERDALE 13, LIBERTY 19, MACEDONIA 19, MARION 23, Meehan 11, MIDWAY 18, FIFTEENTH AVENUE 282, MERIDIAN FIRST 499, CAUSEYVILLE 44, Calvary 1, EIGHTH AVENUE 78, FORTY-FIRST AVENUE 239, MT. GILEAD 32, MT. NEBO 12, NEW HOPE 43, OAK GROVE 54, PINE GROVE 55, POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE 117, RUSSELL 42, SOUTHSIDE 159, TOOMSUBA 30, Union 1, Bonita 2, PROVIDENCE 16, HEBRON 39, NEW ZION 16, Center Grove 1, ARKADELPHIA 30.

## Laurel First To Honor Pastor

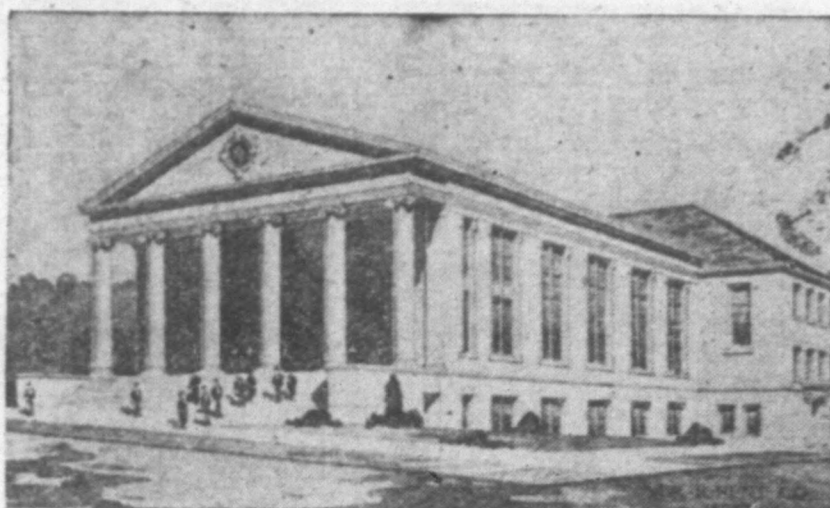
The Laurel First Baptist Church will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. L. G. Gates on Sunday, May 20. Members of the congregation and other friends will take this opportunity to pay tribute to the untiring devotion of Dr. Gates, who plans to retire on July 4.

Mrs. Charles T. Walters, president of the W. M. U., is chairman of the committee on arrangements for the celebration. E. D. Hurst, church treasurer for the past 35 years, is writing a history of the church under Dr. Gates' leadership, which The Baptist Record hopes to publish next week.

The B. T. U. director, Mrs. Emily Griffith, is writing a pageant portraying the development of the First Baptist Church during the past four decades. This pageant will be presented at the evening service. Music for the occasion is being arranged by Mrs. J. L. Gates, choir director.

Mississippians will be interested in knowing that Dr. N. D. Timmerman, pastor of First Baptist Church, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, has been called to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the site of the University of Alabama. Mississippians will remember him as pastor of Clarksdale Baptist Church.

## Hazlehurst Baptist Church Dedicated



Led by three former pastors, the Hazlehurst Baptist Church dedicated their magnificent house of worship to the glory and service of God on May 6, 1945.

Dr. O. O. Green, Monett, Missouri, preached the sermon in the dedication service. His subject was "Building the Church." Dr. Green was pastor of the church when the present building was erected. In the afternoon at 3:00, Dr. F. M. Purser, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oxford, preached on the subject, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." At night, Dr. George P. White, Fountain Inn, S. C., preached on the subject, "The Future's Broadening Way."

R. L. Covington, chairman of deacons, presented the church debt-free for dedication to the pastor, Rev. J. H. Street, who led in the formal dedication exercises.

The church paid the last of its indebtedness on April 1, 1945, three and one-half years ahead of schedule. The original debt was \$50,000; but the purchase of an organ soon after the completion of the new building added about \$17,500 to this debt. The total outlay for funding the total debt on building and organ is well over \$100,000. The original building cost, plus value of donated lot, was \$115,000. Probably no community in the state the size of Hazlehurst can claim a church building of the same size and quality.

The church promotes a progressive program, averaging about 65 additions per year and having educational and missionary organizations functioning most effectively. Contributions to all causes last year were over \$22,000.

## Deal To Start June First



J. S. DEAL

Rev. J. S. Deal is leaving Silver City June first to become pastor at Start, Louisiana. Alto and Start have been half time churches, but Alto went to full time and Start decided to do likewise.

Pastor Deal was formerly ypastor at Weir and some nearby churches. His present field consists of Silver City, Gooden Lake, Spanish Fort, all in Deer Creek Association and Bethlehem in Yazoo County Association.

Oak Grove church along with other churches in Meridian held the Centennial revival the week of April 8-15. Pastor B. D. Hardin was assisted by W. R. Storie of Itta Bena who did the preaching and P. F. Herring of Laurel who directed the music. There were 10 additions to the church.

## New Prospect Ordains Deacons

On February 4 Dr. James L. Sullivan of Brookhaven preached the ordination sermon at New Prospect church, Lincoln county, for the following deacons who were ordained: Burton Watts, Ernest Smith, Hollis Smith, Alvin Smith and Edward Lambright.

The charge was delivered by Rev. W. E. Winstead of Pearl Haven church. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Burnett, led in the ordination prayer.

Deacons R. C. Smith, Sam Wooten, Barney Porter and Eldon Smith participated in the service.—Grace Edwards, reporter.

## Tallula Church Organized, Adopts EF Plan

On Easter Sunday under the leadership of Associational Missionary M. J. Gilbert, Tallula church, Issaquena county, Deer Creek Association, was organized with 38 charter members.

Rev. J. B. Smith, chairman, Deer Creek missionary committee, and Deacons J. W. Fore and E. A. Curry assisted in the organization.

The following Sunday the young church of 38 members had 68 in Sunday school and 85 in B. T. U.

Ten per cent of all funds will be given through the Cooperative Program.

Following the plan of most recently organized churches this young church has made The Baptist Record a part of its program and will send it to all resident members.

Mrs. R. P. Mahon, who with her husband served for many years as missionary to Mexico, is seriously ill in Pineville, Kentucky, where they are now making their home.

## Miss. College Looks Ahead

Clinton, Miss., May 4—July second marks the beginning of a four months term, a term which terminates the navy V-12 program in Mississippi College. That date will be a good time for students to enter for the full session. Those who prefer to enter later can come August 27 or November first. Parallel with the four months term will be two terms of eight weeks each, the summer term beginning July 2 and the fall term August 27. The short terms should interest teachers who simply wish summer courses. Attention is called to a change in dates since the last announcement.

Preparations are being made for a great increase in the number of women students next session. Mississippi College never before had as many room reservations and as many inquiries as are being received this spring. Not only are better dormitory facilities to be offered the girls, but more courses suited to their needs are planned.

The dormitories for men are also to be put into first class condition and it is expected that they will be well filled by September. The Mississippi College enlargement program is off to a good start and friends of Christian Education are rallying to its support.

## TEXAS BAPTISTS TO AID UNDERPRIVILEGED SICK ON MOTHER'S DAY

Dallas, Texas—Mother's Day will be observed throughout Texas by a drive in Baptist Sunday schools and churches to provide hospital care for the underprivileged sick in five Baptist hospitals of the state.

All Texas Baptists are asked to make a gift to the sick and needy on that day, May 13, as a personal tribute in honor, or in memory, of their own mothers.

Gifts will be collected into a special fund which will be used solely for giving hospitalization to critically ill patients in need of hospital therapy but unable to pay for such treatment.

Patients cared for under the plan will, upon discharge, be given a bill marked "Paid by the Baptist churches of Texas."

## BRYAN SIMMONS ACCEPTS HEIDELBERG PASTORATE

Dr. Bryan Simmons, who has been temporary director of the Mississippi College Patterson Memorial fund, has accepted the full time pastorate at Heidelberg. Dr. and Mrs. Simmons plan to move to Heidelberg within the next few weeks.

Due to some previous commitments, Dr. Simmons will give half time to Heidelberg and half time to the Patterson Memorial until July 1.

Concerning his new work, Dr. Simmons states, "My call to service for Mississippi College was only temporary, looking to the time when a suitable man could be secured as leader for the enlargement campaign. With J. A. Travis on the job as assistant to President Nelson, and A. B. Pierce doing so well as Foundation secretary, I felt that I could be released for the pastorate."



## San Francisco Conference Criticized For Lack Of Prayer

San Francisco—(RNS)—Although no prayer was arranged for the opening of the United Nations Conference on International Organization here, a fact that drew sharp criticism from at least two clergymen, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., presiding as temporary chairman, called for an opening moment of "solemn meditation" as the parley got under way.

Later, in his brief address, Mr. Stettinius said: "The prayers of the people of the world are with us. They are spoken in many tongues and in the words of many creeds. But they are as one voice, rising from the tragedy and suffering of the war, in prayer for a lasting peace."

Then he added, "Thus fortified, and with the guidance of Almighty God, we must and shall fulfill the purpose for which we have come together."

At Syracuse, N. Y., the Most Rev. Walter A. Forey, bishop of the Syracuse Roman Catholic Diocese, declared that "it's unthinkable that the San Francisco Conference should be opened without prayer."

The Right Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York, protested the "alleged non-religious procedure" of the conference, and expressed hope that "this error, if it is made, may be corrected as the conference proceeds."

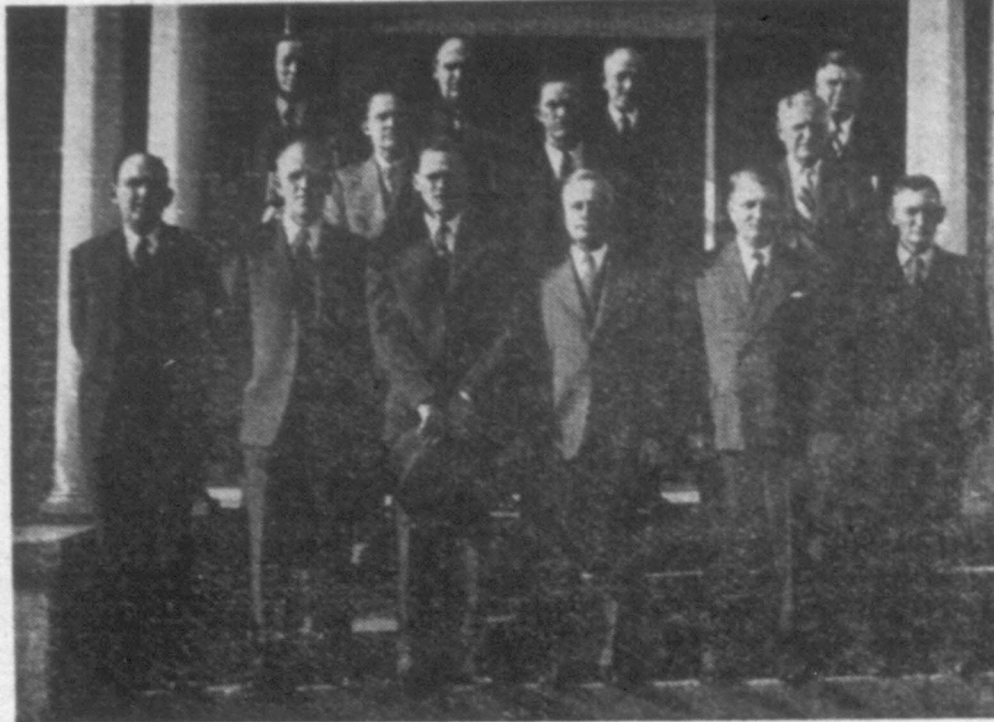
According to Michael J. McDermott, state department press chief, the official journal of the day for the opening of the conference said nothing about prayer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE May 6, 1945

	SS	BTU
Laurel, First .....	466	
Vicksburg, First .....	548	126
Jackson, Parkway .....	490	176
Summit .....	157	
Louisville .....	375	60
Glenfield, Union County .....	70	44
Brewer, Perry County .....	64	41
Rocky Creek, George County .....	90	66
Luce Mission .....	28	
Daniel, Jackson .....	174	80
Jackson, Griffith Memorial .....	293	
Jackson, First .....	1,016	254
Jackson, Calvary .....	1,007	286
Liberty Hill, Panola County .....	71	32
Friendship, Pike County .....	158	124
Wallerville .....	78	42
Corinth, Tate Street .....	201	89
Center, Union County .....	100	66
Houlka, Chickasaw County .....	76	47
Crowder .....	149	120
Olive Branch .....	52	
Enon, Panola County .....	64	70
Oldtown, Calhoun County .....	64	
East McComb .....	326	131
Agricola .....	95	58
Brookhaven, First .....	498	125
Pascagoula, Watts Memorial .....	346	130
Crystal Springs .....	390	116
Spring Hill, Simpson County .....	49	
New Albany, First .....	438	134
New Augusta, Perry County .....	58	15
Natchez, Westside .....	172	40
Friendship, Jackson County .....	77	79
Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue .....	197	120
Corinth, Pearl River County .....	37	48
April 29		
Pascagoula, Watts Memorial .....	349	113
Darlove .....	158	65
Daniel, Jackson .....	56	133
Duck Hill .....	67	
Corinth, Tate Street .....	174	90
Friendship, Pike County .....	156	109
Laurel, First .....	636	

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## Sledge Organizes Male Choir



In some way the names of the members of the Sledge Male Choir were omitted in last week's Baptist Record. This is the reason the picture of the choir appears again.

Reading from bottom left to right: Sam Scott, H. F. Giraud, Harvey Houze, F. O. James, J. W. Gartin Carl

Frazier. (Center, left to right), Byron Sanders, George Faust, W. M. Cagle. (Top, left to right), H. S. Brown, D. T. Hicks, R. L. Brown and Fox Hicks. Other members not in the picture: James Huffstickler, L. D. Arnold, James Harpole, F. R. Starr and Damon Page. Mrs. D. T. Hicks is the director.

## Churches Mass Forces To Influence Frisco Conference

San Francisco—(RNS)—As the United Nations Conference opens at San Francisco, the religious forces of America have massed their resources to influence its deliberations. Rarely, if ever before, has the strength of the churches been so solidly and unitedly concentrated on gaining recognition of their views.

All faiths—Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish—are firm in the conviction that any plan for international organization that may come out of the conference must be based on the moral law of justice for every human being if the future peace of the world is to be assured.

Individually and collectively, the churches have demanded an International Bill of Rights as a cardinal principle of the world charter that delegates will attempt to create at San Francisco, to guarantee, as one pronouncement put it, "for every man, woman and child, of every race and creed and in every country, the fundamental rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Since Pearl Harbor, and even before, the nation's spiritual forces have been in the forefront in their concern for a just and lasting peace, and it is estimated that more than 100 statements on post-war world order have been issued since the war in Europe began by virtually all major religious bodies in this country and abroad.

A recent summary of religious views pointed out that the three faiths are agreed upon ten recommendations for the United Nations Charter to be drafted at San Francisco. The study asserted that "the sacrifices and hardships of this war and the need of mankind for an organized peace make it imperative that the San Francisco Conference succeed and the general security organization be established."

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. J. T. Wood, Osyka; Rev. G. O. Parker, Magee; Rev. L. R. Riley, Mayfield, Ky.; Rev. Joe T. Odle, Crystal Springs; J. A. Travis, Clinton; Rev. W. H. Wood, Oakvale; Rev. D. W. McLeod, Florence; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Rev. N. S. Jackson, Jackson; Rev. Theo Whitfield, Pocahontas; Cpl. John W. Goodrich, Newport, Arkansas; Rev. N. R. Stone, Mobile, Ala.; Rev. M. P. Jones, Hazlehurst; Rev. J. P. Sullivan, Raymond; Dr. Selsus E. Tull, Jackson; Dr. George P. White, Fountain Inn, South Carolina; Rev. W. L. Howse, Jacksonville, Florida; Dr. Bryan Simmons, Heidelberg; Rev. H. A. Milner, Star; Rev. Sammie Crawford, Clinton; George D. Miller, Mrs. Miller and Wiley Miller, Columbus.

East Moss Point: Budget offerings for April were \$958, revival offerings \$525.

Sunday School Superintendent E. W. Bell of Palestine church reports that several of the young people in their Sunday school helped in raising \$7.65 for the Home and Foreign Mission offering. The names of the young people, who helped not only in this activity of the church, but who are ready to do their part whenever called upon are: oMntee McDonald, William Bell, Jr., Joan Garrett, Junior Barron, George S. Mitchell and Walter S. Mitchell.

Mrs. E. McCaren, treasurer, and Rev. J. E. Kinsey, pastor, are staunch friends of The Baptist Record. The latest evidence is a list of 15 which added to the two paid subscriptions make 17 for Belen.

First church, Biloxi, G. C. Hodge, pastor, is evidently a busy church. The program for May lists one or more meetings for each of the 31 days.

## Mississippian Leads Memphis Church

### Building Dedicated

Calvary church, Memphis, of which J. G. Lott, Mississippian, is pastor, was dedicated free of debt on February 18. The church was constituted in 1911. Rev. W. L. Morris and Rev. J. A. Barnhill served as pastors before Rev. Lott began his ministry in 1929. The debt in 1929 was \$23,000. In addition to paying off the debt on the church building, the pastor's home and an additional lot for expansion purposes have been purchased and paid for.

On the day of dedication the message of the morning was brought by Rev. Barnhill.

The church has put the Baptist and Reflector (Tennessee Baptist paper) in the budget and 20% of undesignated funds go to the Cooperative Program.

(Editor's note: Pastor Lott is another Mississippian temporarily loaned to Tennessee.)

## MISSISSIPPIAN PROMOTED

With U. S. Army Forces in New Caledonia—Chaplain Lonnie W. Kight of Carrollton, Mississippi, has been promoted from captain to major in recognition of the increased responsibility he has acquired in advancing from chaplain of a field artillery unit to island chaplain. He is responsible for coordinating the work of chaplains of all faiths.

A graduate of Mississippi College and of Southern Baptist Seminary, Chaplain Knight was pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Shepardsville, Kentucky, until June, 1941, when he entered on active military duty at Camp Stewart, Georgia. In September, 1942, he left the United States for New Zealand and from there went to Guadalcanal, where he was stationed for all of 1943. On returning to New Caledonia in April, 1944, Chaplain Knight was appointed island chaplain and conducted services for Protestants of all the armed forces in and about Noumea, the capital city.

The chaplain's wife, Mrs. Ella Shelton Knight, lives at 1822 Robinson street, Jackson, Mississippi, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Knight, live on R. F. D. No. 1, Carrollton, Mississippi.

## HAROLD L. MIDDLETON

Harold L. Middleton, who was killed in action in France on January 7, was born February 26, 1924 in Copiah county. He lived there until he was called into the service of his country on January 6, 1943.

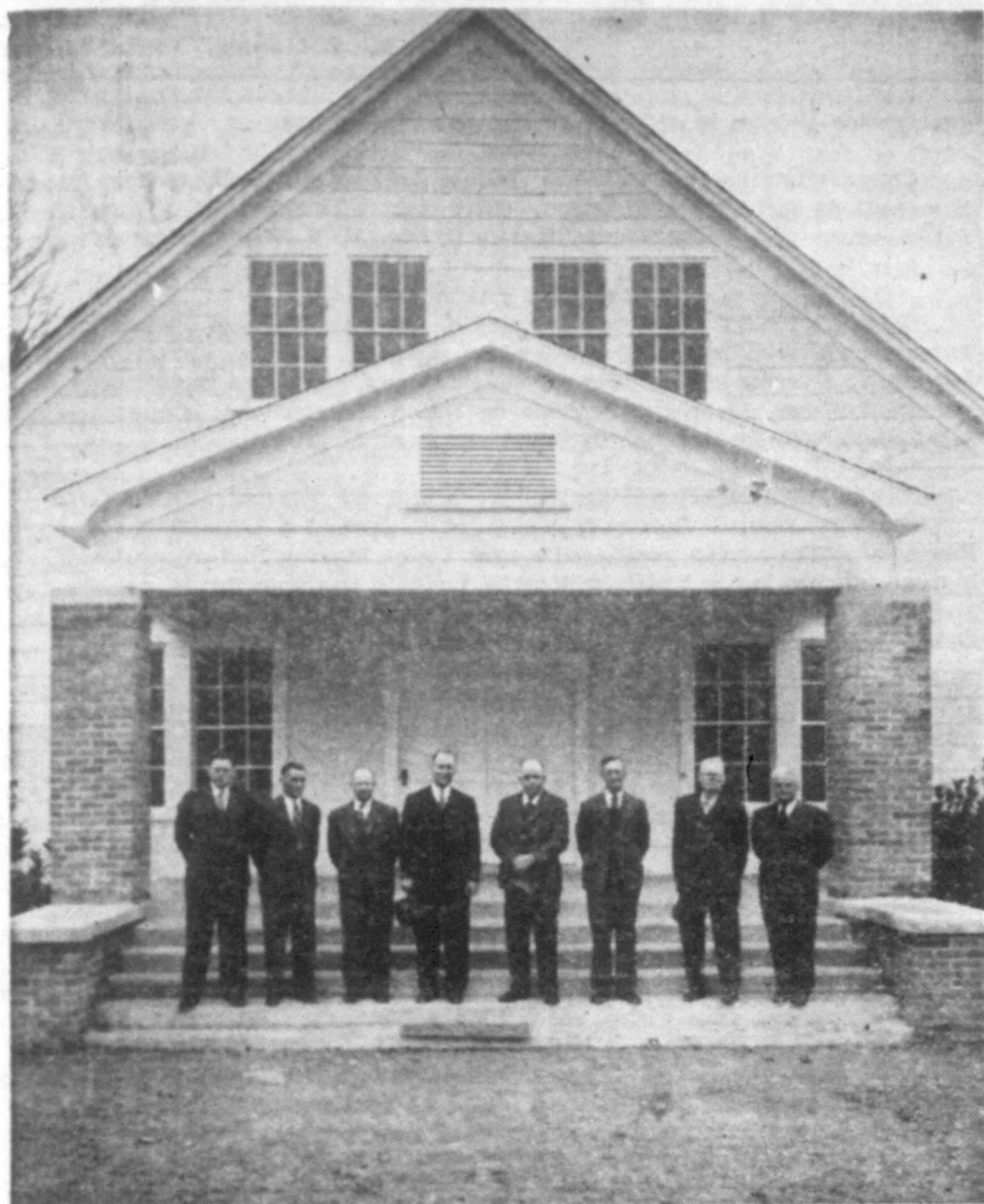
Harold united with Bethel church in Copiah county early in life and was a faithful church member until his death. He served as junior deacon and secretary for several years. He always met his friends with a smile. We know he was a good soldier because he was a good boy. God needed a good soldier so He took "Our Harold."

Surviving him are his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Middleton, of Hazlehurst; one brother, Benson, of Vicksburg, and five sisters, Mrs. Albert Guynes and Mrs. James Watts of Hazlehurst; Mrs. E. L. Howell, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Garland Newell of Meridian and Mrs. Ed Duncan of Mobile, Alabama.

We have the consolation of knowing that this parting is not forever, for we will meet again some day.—A Broken-Hearted Mother.



# Mt. Moriah Church Is Dedicated



MT. MORIAH CHURCH

Dedication services were held on February 18 for the Mt. Moriah church and pastor's home. Dr. D. A. McCall, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, brought the message at the morning hour and Rev. A. P. Wells (father of the pastor), preached during the afternoon service.

Pictured above and reading from left to right are: Pastor Lewis V. Wells, Deacons Guy Nix, Howard Price, J. E. Burns, T. W. Hickman, W. P. Bowman, H. A. Ballard and Secretary D. A. McCall. (Deacons not in the picture: W. E. Summers, U. S. Navy; Virgil Cox, J. L. Burns and Joe Nix.)

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"WHAT YE ASK . . ."

Dr. Ellis Fuller, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, tells the following story:

The Southern Seminary alumni office wrote an alumnus in Texas, requesting that he lead his church in giving \$100 to the chapel fund. The alumnus, recognizing the proximity of his people to Southwestern Seminary and their interest in the Baptist Bible Institute, determined to take up an offering and split it between the three seminaries. He wrote to Southern Seminary as follows:

The response of our people to an offering for the three Southern Baptist seminaries was spontaneous, immediate, and generous. We received \$1,000 without any pressure. Enclosed you will find the \$100 for which you asked. The rest is being split between the Southwestern and the Baptist Bible Institute."—B. B. I. Notes.

THE PASTOR



LEWIS V. WELLS

## Howard L. Fewell Ordained

The following ministers met on February 13 at River Avenue church, Hattiesburg, for the purpose of ordaining Howard L. Fewell to the gospel ministry: E. M. Bilbo, I. E. Rouse, C. S. Moulder, W. E. Stewart, T. D. Brown, Q. C. Barrett, M. L. Davis, Garland McInnis, A. D. Smith, Troy Sumrall, V. W. Malley. Dr. Rouse was elected chairman and C. S. Moulder secretary.

Rev. Garland McInnis led the song "I Gave My Life For Thee," followed by a prayer by Rev. V. W. Malley. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Troy Sumrall. Rev. W. E. Stewart gave the ordination prayer and Dr. T. D. Brown the charge. The closing prayer was led by Rev. C. S. Moulder.

The Rev. Fewell has been called to



PARSONAGE OF NEW CHURCH

## Cpl. Jenkins Tells Of A Sunday In France

Corporal Joseph L. Jenkins, who is a member of the Roundaway church and formerly a member at Fairview writes of their services in France. He is working for the chaplain in his group.

The first service begins at 9:00 in the morning and the organ, hymn books, communion set, chair, altar and chaplain flag are loaded in a jeep to go two miles away for the first service. The services last from 30-45 minutes and held hourly until noon and again in the afternoon. Following the noon meal the services are held at one, two, three and four o'clock.

The boys come in from every directions as the organ and flag are set up and worship God as they sit on the ground for the chaplain's message and as they pray. If there are no boards available they sit on the dew wet grass.

Often the chaplain has to stop while planes take off or while a number of trucks go by. Even hearing boys laughing nearby or a radio playing "Pistol Packin' Mama" does not prevent a spirit of worship. He says, "I am sure a little baby will never cause us to miss a word the preacher says when we can worship at home again. It will be a delightful pleasure to have some lady get in front of us with one of the funny little hats after looking around tent poles and plane wheels over here."

He says that they pray for the loved ones at home and wonder if there is as much praying at home for the boys as the boys do for the home-folks.

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**Blue Mountain, Miss.—Miss Dorothy Lee Jefferson**, Inverness, junior at Blue Mountain College, was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union at its recent meeting in Jackson, and Miss Jean Anderson, Collierville, Tennessee, a sophomore, was elected reporter.

Sanford and Union churches in Covington county. He expects to attend Mississippi Southern College for the spring quarter.—C. S. Moulder, secretary.

## Ministers May Help End War

The ministers of our land could do more to help end this war than any other group. Our people need to be taught the promises of the Lord. We are promised in the Bible that anything we ask in His name, believing, that shall we also receive. I tried to claim this promise during the Iwo Jima invasion. If people would claim this one promise, the Lord could bring this awful war to a close. If we do our part, the Lord will do His.

The Lord has promised us that if we humble ourselves and pray that He will heal our land and give us peace. I think that we should have a prayer meeting at the church every day until the war is over. Where two or three are gathered together in His name He will be there to honor and bless them. I believe in having special services for special objects of prayer. Surely we could spare a few minutes out of every day when our boys are giving their time and many of them are giving their lives. I think the people would be willing to do this under the leadership of the ministers.

We think too much about winning this war by guns and planes and bombs. The Lord says, "Not by might, or by strength, but by my power." We should give the Lord credit for each victory won. If people are going to work in factories twenty-four hours a day to make things to fight with why can not we use the means of prayer which is much greater than all these things that they make?

I am sure the ministers can think of many more promises that will help us.—Mrs. W. S. Dougherty, Coldwater, Miss.

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# Baptist Training Union

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## To Whom It May Concern:

The April 24 mass meeting of the Pike County Baptist Training Union, held with the East McComb Baptist Church, was a grand success.

The attendance GOAL was set for the meeting (505) and there were present more than six hundred (600). The weather conditions made it impossible for some four hundred to reach the meeting. Bridges and high water turned most of these back. There were a number of people who came and did not find room and went away. How much we hated this no one will know.

The meeting opened on time with Rev. "Happy" White leading the congregation in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Scripture reading followed, by Mr. Joe McCollough. Business and announcements.

The all-girl choir, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., lifted every one with their musical numbers. Under the direction of Mrs. I. E. Rouse, and accompanied by Mrs. J. V. McRaney, the twenty-two young ladies brought a gospel message in every musical number rendered. The following numbers were rendered: The Lord's Prayer, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Going to Shout All Over God's Heaven, An Anthem, and Hallelujah Chorus.

Dr. I. E. Rouse, pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., brought a wonderful, inspirational message on "The Part the Baptist Training Union Can Play in the Centennial Crusade."

E. T. BREWER, Director,  
H. P. PORTER, Associate Director.

We hope to have a full report of our special April 24 meetings in next week's Record. On the whole they were successful. Bad-weather in all sections of the state cut the attendance a great deal.

## OFFER TO PASTORS

Our Training Union extension program each summer is largely in the interest of unorganized churches. This summer, as before, we want to help every church and pastor who wants help, so we are offering to assign a worker for five or six weeks to any pastor who has a group of churches in which he would like to have a worker to spend a week and help organize a Training Union, teach a study course, or strengthen the present organization. Workers are available for June, July and August. We will have to have the request

## MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- May 14—F. E. Skilton, Director, Public Relations, Blue Mountain College.
- May 15—Rev. R. D. Pearson, Noxubee County Convention Board Member.
- May 16—Varda Smith, Union County Convention Board Member.
- May 17—Rev. J. H. Street, Trustee, Mississippi College.
- May 18—Rev. J. P. Kirkland, Blue Mountain College Trustee.
- May 19—John Mixon, Woman's College Trustee.
- May 20—Rev. R. L. Wallace, Board of Ministerial Education.

## Literary Winners Named

The annual elimination short story, essay, poem, and religious essay contest to ascertain the entries in the Southern Literary Festival contest was held at Blue Mountain College and the names and the subjects of the winners follow:

John Gould Fletcher Poetry: First place, "Cycles," Dorothy Harris, Memphis, Tennessee; second place, "The Fire," Mrs. Ruth Vorder-Bruegge Gamble, Memphis; third place, "All Souls Eve," Bradford Keene, Pensacola, Florida.

Edgar Allan Poe Short Story: First place, "Impressions," Betty Titsworth, Paris, Arkansas; second place, "Uncle Emby and Socrates," Jean Lowrey, Blue Mountain; third place, "So Tired," Frances Gene Hannaford, Jackson.

A. T. Robertson Religious Essay: First place, "Marriage—Yesterday, Today, and Forever," Mrs. Ruth Vorder-Bruegge Gamble, Memphis; second place, "Woe to Them That are at Ease," Arlena Smith, Blue Mountain; third place, "Go Ye," Dorothy Harris, Memphis.

Stark Young Essay: First place, "Press Day," Jean Anderson, Collierville, Tennessee; second place, "Illusions," Bradford Keene, Pensacola, Florida; third

place, "Feeling," Betty Titsworth, Paris, Arkansas.

Winners of the first prize of each group will be judged in the Southern Literary Festival.

The judges were Perrin Lowrey, Blue Mountain; Dr. D. L. Hill, Corinth; B. F. Farrar, Knoxville, and W. H. Vann, Belton, Texas.

The Religious Essay prize is donated annually by Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler and Rev. Clifford J. Smyly of Blue Mountain.

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Congratulations to Fellowship church, Jones county. They have recently re-organized their Training Union. They start with a B. A. U., Young People, Intermediate and Story Hour. Thanks to Mrs. N. V. Williams for the report.

## "KNAPP'S PASTRY SHOP"

"Knapp's Pastry Shop" is the name of the new business opened in Vicksburg. Mr. Knapp is one of the leading members of First church Vicksburg, serving as director of the Young People's Department, and incidentally is the president of our District One Training Union Conventions. Congratulations, Mr. Knapp, we'll be stopping by to get our sweet tooth satisfied.

## FIRST VICKSBURG OPENS DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL EDUCATION

The First church Vicksburg has recently opened a Department of Visual Education. They have purchased a new Victor Moving Picture projector, also a new slide projector which will make possible the showing of various films and slides of religious interest. No better way to learn than to SEE a thing done.

## PACE REPORTS GOOD SCHOOL

Mr. W. S. Redden, Training Union director, Pace Baptist Church, reports a most helpful training school a few weeks ago. Three classes were taught. The teachers were Pastor H. J. Logan, Rev. Robert Martin of Rosedale and Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg. The enrollment was larger than usual and the spirit was excellent. This is the third or fourth year that Mrs. Greenoe has helped them in their study courses, and "she likes it."

Thanks to Mr. E. C. Cooper, Newton County Associational director, for a report on a newly organized Training Union at Pinkney church. Virgil Gordon was elected director; Elven Sharp, associate, and Mrs. Carter Rowcusk, Junior leader. We extend best wishes for a good going.

Rienzi joins the list of newly organized unions. Thanks to Miss Louisa Smith for the report. They start off with 48 and expect to grow in number. Their new pastor, Rev. Loy Cook, is making a good start. They are to be host to the associational meeting the first Sunday in June.

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### April Standards

The following became standard during the month of April, and we express thanks to all leaders for the good work in doing this.

**Schools:** Goodman, Rev. Madison Flowers, pastor, J. T. Skelton, superintendent; Lambert, Rev. R. W. Porter, pastor, John Black, superintendent; Jackson Parkway, Dr. W. A. Bell, pastor, Earl Clark, superintendent; Midway (Leake county), Rev. A. A. Ward, pastor, A. R. Jackson, superintendent; Arcola, Rev. J. W. T. Siler, pastor, Walter L. Beard, superintendent; Sunflower, Rev. Upton Reynolds, pastor, John W. Taylor, superintendent; Inverness, Rev. L. J. Crumby, pastor, W. A. Price, superintendent.

**Departments:** Cradle Roll, Carthage, Mrs. Alvin S. Hall, superintendent; Primary, Meridian First, Mrs. J. R. Whitaker, superintendent; Intermediate, Magnolia, Mrs. E. Otho Smith, superintendent; Intermediate, Utica, Mrs. J. E. Caston, superintendent; Intermediate, Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue, Mrs. P. E. Slade, superintendent; Young People's, Philadelphia, Mrs. J. M. Lofton, superintendent.

### Classes

**Junior:** Willing Workers, Antioch (Lauderdale county), Miss Bernice Lowry, teacher; Truth Seekers, Picayune First, Mrs. J. H. McQueen; King's Daughters, Jackson Griffith Memorial, Mrs. T. R. King.

**Intermediate:** Sunshine Scatterers, Picayune First, Mrs. Claude Hamilton, teacher; 14 B Girls, Picayune First, Mrs. Harold Stevenson; 14 C Girls, Picayune First, Miss Nannie L. Watts; 13 Year Girls, Picayune First, Mrs. M. G. Stevens; Rainbow Girls, Picayune Goodyear, Mrs. J. W. Taylor; Pilots, Magnolia, Miss Maxine Varnado; Rainbow Girls, Magnolia, Mrs. A. P. Day; Eagles, Jackson First, L. H. McCraw; Obedient Servants, Jackson First, Miss Glayds Clement; 13 Year Boys, Vicksburg First, Norman Hawthorne; Pure Gold, Vicksburg First, Miss Aileen B. Smith; S. O. S., Vicksburg First, E. C. Hullum; Ambassadors, Vicksburg First, Oscar Harvey; Sunshine, Utica, Mrs. G. W. Simmons; Conquerors, Utica, R. R. Scott; Reflectors, Utica, Miss Aronelle Lofton; Service, Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue, Mrs. Lamar Williams; Sunshine Scatterers, Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue, Miss Nina Laura Hunt; 13 Year Boys, Starkville First, R. G. Winstead; 13 Year Girls, Starkville First, Mrs. Ernest Price, Jr.

**Young People:** Hold That Line, Philadelphia, W. H. Jones; Fidelis, Philadelphia, Miss Jimmie Land.

**Adult:** Gleaners, Lambert, Mrs. Will Little; Leila Rhodes, Ackerman, Mrs. H. L. Rhodes; Golden Circle, Philadelphia, Mrs. W. L. Johnson.

### New Class Succeeds

During the recent enlargement campaign in Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, several new classes were organized. One of these was for young married women, ages 25-30. The teacher of that new adult class is Mrs. W. R. Cooksey. Although the class was organized about the middle of March, there was an enrollment of 16 within five weeks.

That's a mighty good start for any

new adult class and is good evidence of what can be done in reaching the unreached if we only have a thoroughly graded and well organized school enrollment and attendance has come in large measure through organizing new units. Often there is hesitancy about doing this even when the need is great. But we always gain when we start new classes.

### Exactly 100

Many churches have had classes this year in one of the soul-winning books in order to make good preparation for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade of 1945. On a great number of the reports of these classes we have the statements to the effect that they were the best ever.

However, Dr. W. S. Hardin, pastor at Drew, has sent us the report of a class enrolling 112 adults, an even 100 of them took the test for credit. That is the largest class so far reported from any church in the state this year. There was a special reason for this unusually large attendance.

He tried a new idea that they called "Personalized Enlistment." This class was well advertised and the people were asked to sign a pledge card of enrollment called "Count On Me." On this card were these three items: "I will gladly attend the class in soul-winning April 2-6." "I will try to win at least one soul to my Saviour this year." "I pledge my loyalty to Christ and our church program."

As a direct result of this class, two came for baptism the following Sunday, all of which was mighty fine preparation for their meeting shortly thereafter.

### From Small Beginnings

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

Recently we had a letter from a young lady who has worked with us several summers in Sunday school and Vacation Bible school work. In that letter is the following: "Now may I plead for a worker for the new church we organized last summer. You know three years ago you let me have free literature to organize a Sunday school. I held a Vacation Bible school in a one-room school house and organized a Sunday school. Last summer we built a brush arbor and I got an evangelist to hold a revival. Now, to make a long story short, God worked a miracle. This winter they have asked for me to come back and see the church organized, which now has a building completed and painted."

Doesn't a report like that thrill you? Of course, we will furnish a worker to help them in their work. It all goes to show that if the Lord leads big things may result even from small beginnings.

### Cradle Roll Day

Next Sunday, May 13, is Cradle Roll Day in the Sunday school. Many schools will observe it then. But, if you do not observe it that day, don't feel that it cannot be done at a later date. Set a Sunday for this and make definite plans in your school to observe Cradle Roll Day so as to give it the proper emphasis among your people that it so much deserves.

## Frisco Conference Will Fail

J. W. Lee

The world knows that such a conference is scheduled to begin April 25. The world also knows its purpose—to enter into an agreement by all the nations participating to preserve a just and lasting peace by law.

Will such an agreement be reached and sincerely signed? Yes. Will the vast majority of mankind approve and praise the document designed to prevent future wars? Yes. Will the agreement prevent future wars? No.

### Why Fail?

All rulers in the world today hold their position by the grace of God and God is sovereign whether He is recognized or not. God will bring to naught any human plan that is not in accord with His plans.

Christ, who alone has power to bring peace, has been left out of the plans for the conference. Political philosophers of the world will participate in the conference.

The present troubles of our world do not come from wrong systems of government, but because of the sins of the people. As long as the hearts of the people remain unchanged all laws to prevent wars will fail. We do not need new national and international laws, but a change in the hearts of men.

### Has God a Plan to End Wars?

To seek peace between God and man or between man and man except through Christ will prove as disappointing as seeking gold at the end of the rainbow. Only God can end wars. His Son is the door to

peace.

God sent His peace-maker and declared "Peace on earth and good will toward men." Men rejected God's peace-maker and in rejecting Him they rejected God's only means of peace and good will among men.

Jesus holds the key to peace. Will the San Francisco Conference recognize the claims and authority of God's peace-maker? They will have to if they expect God's approval upon their deliberations.

My prayer is that the conference may recognize the authority of the "Prince of peace" and realize that those who are directing the affairs of men today are doing so only 'til Jesus comes. If I should pray otherwise I would not be praying in accord with the teaching of God's Word concerning a "just and lasting peace."

—BR—

The Okolona (Alabama) church of Muscle Shoals dedicated their new building April 8. The pastor is Rev. R. F. Fales, former pastor of churches in Alcorn and Tippah counties, Mississippi.

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## FOUR IMPERATIVE NEEDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

M. Theron Rankin,  
Executive Secretary  
Foreign Mission Board

The Foreign Mission Board has four different types of needs for funds which are imperative to an effective program of mission work.

First, we must have funds to maintain our current program. The war has increased rather than decreased this need. The over-all budget for 1945, including gifts from the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, amounts to approximately \$2,500,000. This is the largest current budget in the Board's history.

All of the 504 missionaries under appointment must be maintained, whether they are on the field or at home. Living expenses in all countries have risen sharply, a situation which has required an increase of about twenty-five percent in missionaries' salaries.

Two hundred and twenty-five of our missionaries are on their fields of work. In each of these thirteen separate areas we are helping to conduct different types of work. Our funds help to support churches, chapels, seminaries, training schools, regular schools from kindergartens to colleges, hospitals, publication plants, and other mediums of Christian service.

During the years when the Board was so heavily in debt, we could provide very little money for building and equipment. We are having now to meet new requirements which have been delayed from five to ten years.

Second, funds must be placed in reserve now for postwar rehabilitation of destroyed property and equipment of mission work. More than half of the physical equipment of the Foreign Mission Board's missionary enterprise has been destroyed. This must be restored to usable condition.

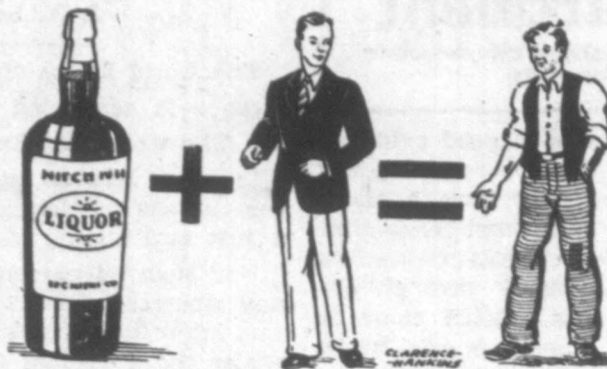
Residences must be repaired or rebuilt; church buildings will need restoration; school plants and hospitals must be rebuilt and equipped before they can begin functioning. Hundreds of preachers, teachers, Bible women, and other Christian workers will be heavily in debt, with no resources to rehabilitate themselves. Funds must be provided to settle their unpaid salaries and to help them liquidate their indebtedness.

A minimum of \$2,000,000 should be immediately available for such rehabilitation when the missionaries return.

Third, additional missionaries must be appointed. With only 504 active missionaries we can not maintain our present undertaking. The Foreign Mission Board has urgent requests from the fields for the immediate appointment of more than one hundred new missionaries, but our postwar needs call for the addition of not less than two hundred missionaries to our present staff. Hundreds of young people in our schools and colleges are offering themselves for missionary service.

The cost of appointment, equipment, travel, and support of a missionary for the first year of work is approximately \$1,500. The Foreign Mission Board can not appoint missionaries, however, on the basis of one year's maintenance. Finances must be provided for the years ahead.

The addition of two hundred missionaries to our staff will call for appreciable additions to our current budget.



### A MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM

It is simple enough. Liquor plus an upstanding, promising young man equals a bum, within a few years. That is the inevitable result, just as two plus two equals four. That is an unchanging mathematical law. The moral law is equally rigid. Of course you always get the results pointed out above if one persists in being tied up with the bottle. You can expect nothing else, however much you may desire a different result. And that is the tragedy of the situation.

So many bright young men, and women, too, sad to say, have an idea that they can take their fling with liquor and have a good time, and then whenever they want to they will divorce themselves from the bottle and settle down in a comfortable home

and live happily ever afterward. But it simply does not work out that way. Every time one connects up with that bottle he simply adds another strand to the cord that binds him to it and subtracts from his will power the ability to resist the temptation. And so he winds up a bum, a disgrace to himself, his family, and his country, a parasite on society, a miserable wretch for time and eternity.

Who would covet such a fate? If anyone would escape it, let him disassociate himself from that bottle now, and let it be final and permanent. He has absolutely nothing to lose by so doing, but everything to gain. If in the future you should ever be tempted, just remember the problem presented above, and that the laws of mathematics never change.

### B. U. FARMER

Funeral services were held Friday morning, May 4, for B. U. Farmer, Sr., 74. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Mr. Farmer, who was born near Harpersville on September 20, 1870, was very prominent in business and religious circles. He was the son of the late Alexander C. and Frances Moreland Farmer. He was a timber estimator for the Lackey Lumber Co.

Mr. Farmer was all his life a citizen of Scott county. He was for forty years a resident of Forest, except a few years spent at West Point. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Forest, and was always present. He possessed an unusually fine voice and was a great lover of gospel songs.

Mr. Farmer is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Roland C. Gardner, Laurel, and three sons, B. U. Farmer, Jr., of Hawaii; Thomas R. Farmer, Jackson, and John A. Farmer, Fresno, Calif. He is also survived by the following grandchildren: S/Sgt. Roland Gardner, Jr., who is in an army hospital in South Carolina; Ruth and Ulrich Farmer, Memphis; Martha and Nancy May Farmer, Fresno, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Bloxum E. Stubbs, Louisville, and Mrs. Marshall Boatright, New Orleans, and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: R. L. Clearman, Earl Gillis, W. V. Lackey, O. C. Scott, V. R. Lackey and Calvin Gould.

Two hundred missionaries cannot be added to our present staff unless we have a considerable increase in our income. At least \$300,000 would be necessary for the initial undertaking. In addition, \$200,000 a year would be essential to provide their salaries after the first year. Current appropriations would be imperative to support their work.

Fourth, the Foreign Mission Board should create now a permanent emergency reserve fund which will be used only under circumstances which would otherwise compel us to borrow money from the banks.

Retrenchment can not be made in the worldwide commitments of a foreign missions program without great cost. Missionaries can not be abandoned and left in foreign countries.

### Puckett Accepts Bible Chair

After a pastorate of a little more than a year, Dr. J. Niles Puckett has resigned as pastor at Durant in order to accept the position of Bible teacher at Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Under the leadership of Dr. Puckett, the church has practically liquidated its building debt. And the Adult Training Union has developed into one of the best in the state.

According to Pastor Puckett the pastorate at Durant "has been a happy period and the Lord has blessed our efforts in many ways.

"These words are not to praise ourselves or our work in Durant. On the other hand, this is written for the benefit of the Durant Baptist Church and the praise is going to its membership. This church has had trying experiences with pastors who have moved away after a short pastorate. The church has suffered in many ways. It has obtained a reputation for being an unusually hard field of service. This one thought made me hesitate in deciding to enter the field of Bible teaching.

"Consequently, I am writing to exonerate the Baptists in Durant. Their church is made up of a group of fine Christian people. They have certainly been lovely to my family. They take pride in their church and want to see it go forward. Now that they are about out of debt the opportunities for growth are tremendous. One of their greatest needs is to have a pastor to remain on the field for several years to do the work together. It is my prayer that the Lord will lead them to the right man in the near future.

Ordination: Imythe, Miss Beverley—At the Pine Valley Baptist Church, New York, on April 13, 1945. Moderator, Rev. L. K. Starkweather; clerk, Rev. Richard W. Cramer. Sermon by Rev. Leroy Westbrook. Other parts by Rev. Messrs. Walter Buza, Herman Turner, and C. R. Knight.—The Watchman-Examiner.

## KNOW YOUR BIBLE

(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. In the present war, many brutal atrocities have taken place by enemy countries. A similar case is found in the Bible. Can you name the man, and tell the cruel threat he promised Israel?

2. What facts do you know about the use of silver in the time of Abraham, as compared with the time during the reign of King Solomon?

3. Official seals are required on all important papers, documents, real estate sales, etc. Seals and similar uses originated in Bible times. Can you explain their difference?

4. Do you know the meaning of the word "Gabbatha," and the disgraceful purpose to which it was used? Some day your class may ask you to explain the word. How would you answer them?

### DO THREE GOODS DEEDS

(Continued from Page Four)

only a private room could be used. She was compelled to take the child back home.

Mississippi Baptists have become accustomed to doing things in a big way. Let us continue by making a liberal offering to the Fannie Traylor Memorial of the Baptist Hospital.

### MRS. THEODORE WHITFIELD

The beloved wife of Dr. Theodore Whitfield of the Pocahontas church, passed away April 2 at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. She and Dr. Whitfield were married upon his graduation at the Louisville Seminary in 1902. She was Miss Rebecca Hendry, and her father was Deacon Hendry, who for many years sold groceries to the old New York Hall dormitory while Miss Jennie Taylor was matron. Dr. and Mrs. Whitfield served together some 24 years in his pastorates in McComb and Gulfport First churches and at Pocahontas. Also, at the same time, in Sunday afternoon churches at Holmesville and Navilla. The other 21 years were in pastorates in Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois. Besides her husband, she leaves behind three children, George, Paul and Grace. Then three grandchildren and five brothers and sisters.

She had worked in the church, in the WMU and in the Sunday school, since her young womanhood, being teacher of the primary class and president of the WMS at Pocahontas when she died. She loved to read her Bible daily and pray and was a loyal wife and devoted mother. A few days before her death she told her husband and a visiting pastor that she was not afraid to die, but was ready to go. Then at last she fell quietly asleep in the Lord. At her own request Dr. P. I. Lipsey preached the sermon and Dr. W. A. Hewitt led in the prayer at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home, after which—also at her own request—she was laid to rest in the Clinton Cemetery.

Pastor Luther Turner of Brewer church, Perry county, writes that on Sunday, May 6, there were three additions by letter, three awaiting baptism and that the V. B. S. begins May 14 with a study course being conducted at night.



# Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

May 13, 1945

## THE TRAGEDY OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

I Kings 12-22; 2 Kings 1-10; 15; 17:6-8

When Rehoboam ascended the throne of his father, Solomon, about 795 B. C., the ten northern tribes revolted and set up a rival kingdom with Jeroboam as king. For 254 years the two kingdoms (Judah surviving 135 years longer) existed side by side, sometimes at war with each other and occasionally united against a common foe. Israel was ruled by nineteen kings of nine dynasties, and during the same period, Judah had twelve kings, all of the Davidic line with one usurping queen. The lives of Elijah and Elisha, replete with picturesque incident, are here preserved. At length, sinning Israel exhausted divine mercy and was exterminated by divine justice. The capital city of Samaria, during its third terrible siege, fell before Sargon in 721 B. C., and its people were deported to Assyria where the dispersed and down-trodden "Lost Tribes" disappeared from history.

### Lesson Text and Outline

I Kings 12:26-28; 16:30-33; 19:13-14; 2 Kings 17:6-7

- I. The Folly of Jeroboam (1 Kings 12).
- II. The falsity of Ahab (1 Kings 16).
- III. The Flight of Elijah (1 Kings 19).
- IV. The Fall of the Nation (2 Kings 17).

### Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Disintegration of the Hebrew monarchy was due to the folly of Jeroboam. He was given the opportunity to build a great and permanent kingdom, but he disbelieved God's promise (11:38), disowned God's authority in His temple, and degraded God's worship. He feared for his people to go to Jerusalem to attend three great feasts every year lest they might renew their alliance to Rehoboam. So he introduced calf worship (the "bull representing a god of physical force" but not of love and mercy) and located it in two ancient holy places—Bethel (in sight of Jerusalem) and Dan (in the highlands). The calves were declared to be symbols, not substitutes, for God, but like Aaron's golden calf in the wilderness it must have been copied from the bull worship of Egypt and violated the second commandment from Sinai.

2. Degeneration of the northern kingdom was featured by the falsity of Ahab. Far worse than Jeroboam was Ahab in connection, character, and conduct. First of all, he married a notorious pagan princess who corrupted his court and country. She was the devoted daughter of Ethbaal who as a regicide and idol priest had seized the throne of the Zidonians. "The Tyrian princess was a woman of character and determination, and, judged by the standards of her own nation, deeply religious" (Abingdon). Under her dominating influence Ahab built in his capital city a temple of Baal with its great altar where he worshiped as also he did at the shrine of licentious Astarte. So far had the

nation fallen.

3. Denunciation by the persecuted prophets was forcefully pictured in the flight of Elijah. After Cherith and Zarephath and Carmel, the great prophet might have been in better mood. But he was deeply depressed by the depravity of his beloved country. He had spoken plainly to king and people; yet his reformation seemed not to reform but rather rekindle the fires of persecution. With God's altars thrown down and God's prophets slain, what hope could there be with Elijah himself fleeing for his life? However, God was still on His throne and Elijah's work was by no means done nor was he alone in his loyalty to the Lord. But alas, for sinning Israel!

4. Destruction of idolatrous Israel was accomplished by pagan Assyria. At long last came the day of doom. The seed planted by Jeroboam in "political idolatry" and sown by Ahab in "the grosser worship of Baal and Ashtaroth" was harvested under Hoshea by Sargon of Assyria, who routed the armies of Israel, sacked Samaria, and carried myriads of its people into captivity, dispersing them over various subject provinces in the idolatrous east. The causes of the downfall are specified (vv. -22): "The counts are Israel's ingratitude, apostasy, high places, obelisks, sacred poles, idols, disobedience to prophets, the two calves, Baal, human sacrifice, divination" (Gore).

### The Lesson of the Lesson Why a Nation Goes Down to Its Doom

- (1) It Circumvents God's House. "If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem."
- (2) It Corrupts God's Worship. "The king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said . . . behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."
- (3) It Fellowship God's Enemies. "Ahab . . . took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians."
- (4) It Forsakes God's Cause. "Ahab . . . went and served Baal, and worshipped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a grove." "The children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant."
- (5) It Smashes God's Altars. "The children of Israel have . . . thrown down thine altars."
- (6) It Slays God's Servants. "The children of Israel have . . . slain thy prophets with the sword; . . . and they seek my life, to take it away."
- (7) It Must Suffer God's Sentence. "The king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria. . . . For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God."

### Gold in the Golden Text

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Galatians 6:7.

The deceitfulness of sin is a snare to multitudes. They think they can sin safely. They say that God will not call them to account. They act as if they could ignore their allegiance to Him and actually rebel against Him without suffering for it. They undertake to dishonor Him without discomfort to themselves. They are deluded. They are deceived. They deceive and delude themselves.

The destructiveness of sin follows unerringly the law of the harvest. Sow wheat, and wheat will be reaped at

## SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY GRADUATES



KELVA MOORE



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JOSEPH OLIVER

Above are pictured the six Mississippians who are graduating from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. It is a custom of Mississippians to make good.

Below is given a short sketch of each one of the above:

CHARLES EVERITT, B. S. from Mississippi State, will be graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Theology in the summer term, after which he expects to return to Mississippi. His home is at Jackson.

JOSEPH OLIVER, B. S. from Mississippi Southern, gets his Master's Degree in Theology in the summer term. His home is at Hattiesburg.

KELVA MOORE, B. A. from Mississippi College, finishes in May, getting his Master's Degree in Theology. He expects to return to Mississippi, and is available for pastoral work in the state. His home is at Newton.

MRS. KELVA MOORE, B. S. from M. S. C. W. She finishes in May, getting her Master's Degree in Religious Education.

WINFIELD RICH, B. A. from Mississippi State, finishes in May, getting a Master's Degree in Religious Education. His home is at West Point.

MRS. WINFIELD RICH, B. A. from Blue Mountain, finishes in May, getting a Master's Degree in Religious Education.

harvest. Sow tares, and only tares will be garnered at last. Sow wind and reap the whirlwind. There is no alternative. Nor is there any possible hope except by repentance and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brewer, Perry county: Mrs. M. L. Smith, leader, and the Junior Training Union recently gave a demonstration program on "The Effects of Alcohol on the Human Mind."—Luther Turner.

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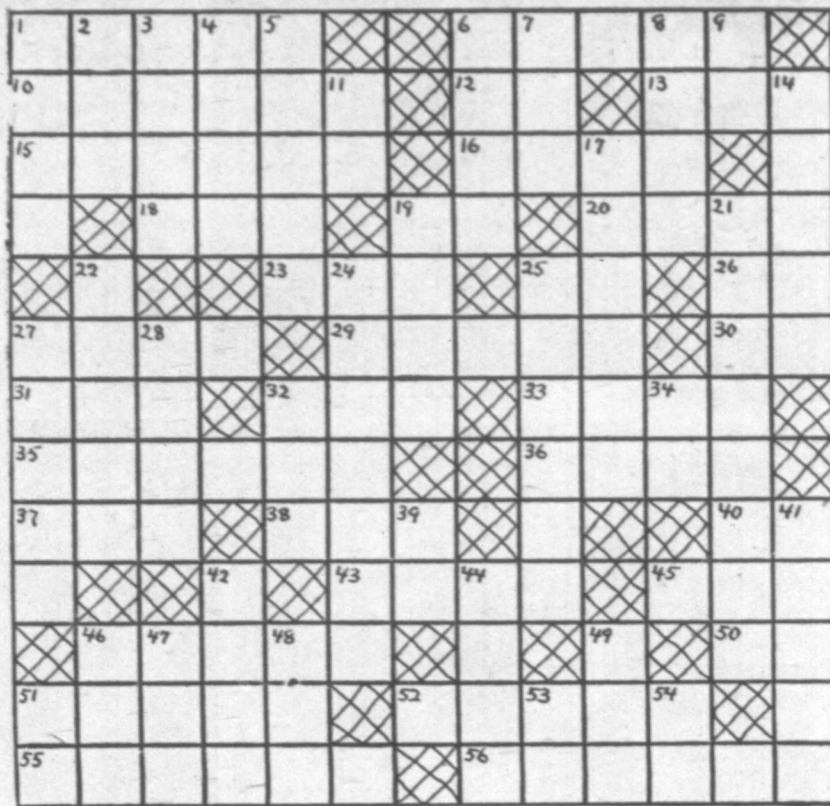
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FOOD AND DRINK  
ACROSS

- 1 What Daniel ate instead of the king's meat, Dan. 1:16.
- 6 Drink miraculously supplied to Hagar Gen. 21:19.
- 10 Egyptian food that the Israelites remembered, Num. 11:5.
- 12 Exist.
- 13 Our 27 across has this.
- 15 Material for bread, Ezek. 4:9.
- 16 In India, a dance.
- 18 "was not . . . and nay."
- 19 "Come unto . . ." Matt. 11:28.
- 20 "a . . . in the wall," Ezek. 8:7.
- 23 Capuchin monkey.
- 25 Germanium.
- 26 Babylonian deity.
- 27 "And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy . . . in Egypt."
- 29 Harsh note.
- 30 Northwestern state.
- 31 Black bird.
- 32 Saul was buried under an . . .
- 33 Helper.
- 35 Fruit that the Israelites ate in Egypt Num. 11:5.
- 36 Imaginary being.
- 37 "they shall see . . . to . . ."
- 38 Exclamation.
- 40 Hymn measure.
- 43 Fairies.
- 45 Modern drink.
- 46 More food left behind in Egypt.
- 50 Tin.
- 51 "the children of . . ." Ezra 2:49.
- 52 "And . . . loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison."
- 55 "she brought forth . . . in a lordly dish," Judges 5:25.
- 56 "children of . . ." Neh. 7:48.

## DOWN

- 1 An apple is one.
- 2 Prefix signifying "one."
- 3 "and the . . . of the valleys."
- 4 A 44 down.

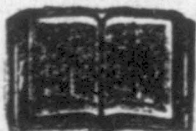
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- 5 Masculine proper name.
- 6 Noah may have been the first man that drank . . . Gen. 9:21.
- 7 Judah's third king, 2 Chron. 14:1.
- 8 Resound.
- 9 Artificial language.
- 11 Matthew was one.
- 14 Ravens brought . . . and flesh to Elijah, I Kings 17:6.
- 17 Shobi brought . . . and other food to David, 2 Samuel 17:29.
- 19 The Israelites were promised "a land flowing with . . . and honey."
- 21 "Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of . . ." Gen. 25:34.
- 22 John the Baptist ate this.
- 24 Disconcerts.
- 25 "thou mayest eat . . . thy fill at thine own pleasure," Deut. 23:24.
- 27 Milk-giving breast, Gen. 32:15.
- 28 Vex.
- 32 Town of Benjamin, I Chron. 8:12.
- 34 Elder.
- 39 Suffix meaning "oil."
- 41 "A small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground."
- 42 "And make me savoury . . . such as I love," Gen. 27:4.
- 44 "a piece of a broiled . . ."
- 46 Roumanian coin.
- 47 Superlative suffix.
- 48 Cows (Dial. Eng.).
- 49 "a . . . with holes," Hag. 1:6.
- 51 Size of shot.
- 53 Lava.
- 54 Calcium.

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## CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

May 6-13 is Christian Home Week. If you are not now in the midst of observing this very important period, then do so as soon as possible. Let us try all of this year to have many homes dedicated to Christ. Seek to lead many people to start family altars. Persuade father to take his rightful place as the spiritual head of the household and win his children to faith in Christ Jesus. Pastors who are near radio stations may arrange for fifteen minute programs on their stations and secure transcriptions on the Christian home from our radio director, S. F. Lowe, 427½ Moreland Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

## Youth Revivals

Many pastors and associational workers who want student evangelistic teams to help in associational campaigns and student revivals in churches may write to Bennie Lloyd, Clinton, Mississippi. Please take up this matter at the earliest opportunity if you expect to secure a student team for the date desired. We should make much of this kind of opportunity.

## Vacation Bible Schools

Have you arranged your Vacation Bible school? Have you made plans for this one of our most marvelous evangelistic opportunities? Then, too, this year we are aiming at many mission schools, in which we will seek to carry to every neglected spot the benefits of this type of work. Have you surveyed your part of the state? Have you assumed your responsibility?

## Black Spots in the Field of White

In spite of the writings of many leaders in our denomination, in spite of the prayers of many saints of God, in spite of the almost Herculean labors of those who have the kingdom program on their hearts, there are still some associations in Mississippi which have not yet organized for the marvelous opportunities in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. Are not these BLACK SPOTS in the fields white unto harvest? Can we afford to face God and give account of our stewardship without having done our very best? Five-twelfths of the great year of soul winning which Southern Baptists promised God they were going to undertake with all of their energies has passed with the end of May. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? Moderators are responsible for their associations.

## "V" Day

"V" Day for Southern Baptists will come when they have won one million souls to Christ and have enlisted all of this million in the service program of the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you been on your knees for this day, and are you now up and doing something about it?

## Thank Offering

Have you been planning your "Thank Offering" so as to bring it to a happy conclusion by June 17? Mississippi Baptists want to express their gratitude to God by giving a worthy gift to be used to further all parts of Christ's great world-wide program.

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# Home Mission Board

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March, 1944

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## Mission Force Totals 642

The Home Mission Board's 100th annual report, now being printed in the Convention's Book of Reports, shows a total of 642 workers employed the past year.

This record number on Home Mission fields is 153 more than were reported the previous year, a 31 per cent increase in missionary personnel in twelve months.

Total receipts of the Board in 1944, as shown in the report, amounted to \$1,275,771.92. This was an increase of \$244,515.64 over the total received in 1943.

Last year's offerings, the largest received by the Board since 1921, included \$636,372.48 from the Co-operative Program, \$387,038.37 from the Annie Armstrong offering, \$27,763.61 from the Bottoms Trust Fund, and \$224,597.46 in designated and miscellaneous receipts.

## Spanish Superintendent Dies in Texas

Rev. J. L. Moye, superintendent of the Home Board's Spanish work in Texas and New Mexico, died at his home in San Antonio on April 25 after a long illness.

Brother Moye had been on leave for some months due to his physical condition.

A native of Alabama, Brother Moye went from the pastorate of the Hunter Street Baptist Church in Birmingham to the Spanish field in 1938. He had previously been a missionary in Chile.

His leadership in Texas and New Mexico had been characterized by development of the Spanish-speaking churches in Bible study, training and stewardship.

Services were held in Calvary Mexican Baptist Church in San Antonio and at Hunter Street church in Birmingham. Burial was in Birmingham.

Mrs. Moye, actively engaged with her husband in the work, was given the status of a missionary by the Board when Brother Moye was forced by illness to take a leave. There are two children, a married daughter and a son in the navy, both of whom were with their father in his last illness.

## Missionaries Organize over 9,000 Churches

In a century of Baptist Home Missions in the South, now completed, workers of the Home Mission Board have organized 9,245 churches, according to a tabulation of the one hundred annual reports made by the board since 1845.

During the century the board has employed 44,895 missionaries who have worked in 124,866 churches and mission stations.

These missionaries in the hundred years have baptized 830,637 converts.

Total receipts of the board during the century have aggregated \$28,850,000.

## Six New Missionaries Appointed

Six new missionaries were appointed by the Home Mission Board at a meeting of its executive committee in Atlanta, May 3.

The new workers include three superintendents of city missions, Rev. D. B. Smith, San Antonio; Rev. Jesse F. Ray, Macon, Georgia, and Rev. W. J. Carswell, Savannah, Georgia; one worker among the Negroes, Miss Lottie

Stephens, Morgan City, Louisiana; Rev. John G. Davis, Rescue Mission, New Orleans; and Rev. Wilkin W. Simpson, Indian field, Union, Miss.

In the board's city mission program in co-operation with the state mission boards, work now is under way in forty-five cities with a superintendent at work in each city.

Eighteen Baptist ministers were appointed to the chaplaincy the past month, according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work. Fifteen of these will serve in the army and three in the navy. During the month, with only approximately half of the chaplains reporting, 3,917 professions were recorded.

Offerings in April reached a total of \$282,776.95, according to the treasurer's report. In four months this year the board has received \$523,163.59, a thirteen per cent increase over the same period of last year.

## City and Rural Mission Conferences Held

Two conferences on mission work in cities and rural areas were conducted the first week in May, sponsored by the Home Mission Board, one in Atlanta and the other in Oklahoma City.

In charge of the two-day conferences in each city were Dr. Courts Redford, director of rural work, and Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, superintendent of the board's city mission program.

State secretaries and city and rural workers in states east of the Mississippi river attended the meeting in Atlanta, May 7 and 8, while workers west of the Mississippi attended the meeting in Oklahoma City, May 10 and 11.

## Missions in Central America

By Paul C. Bell  
Superintendent of Mission Work in Central America

Recently I made a trip to the province of Bocas del Toro and a good portion of the Republic of Costa Rica, the purpose of the trip being to help in some special services in the town of Bocas and also the town of Almirante, and at the same time to look at the matter regarding the title of property recently transferred to the Home Mission Board from the Jamaican Mission Board.

Thirteen years ago Rev. and Mrs. Nottman, who had served in the Bocas field for over thirty years boarded a ship and sailed away never to return. Since then the people have been looking and waiting for someone to come and be a shepherd to them. They look forward to my periodical visits with eager and longing hearts.

It is a long and even hazardous trip at this time of year. The sea is rough and there are many shoals and reefs. The ship is small and very dirty, with very poor accommodations.

The pilot is a very rough and wicked old salt, but he has a kind heart, and seems to have a peculiar fondness for me. He always gives me his best attention. I ride most of the time on the bridge with him and drink coffee with him and listen to his stories of narrow escapes in shipwrecks and storms. In fact, I have been with him in two storms. I guess that is one reason why he likes me.

As we turn the ship and silently

glide into the harbor around Careening Key, famous as a hide-out for the notorious pirate, Henry Morgan, the pilot begins to blow his whistle to announce his arrival. As this ship is about all the communication the people of the island have with the outside world, they leave their village huts to gather at the pier to watch the ship dock.

Because I had written several weeks in advance that I will arrive on the White Shadow, there is a crowd to meet me. Somehow a lump gets in my throat as I see the eager hands begin to wave their greetings and the boys and girls begin to dance and wave their hands in a glee that bubbles over. They shout, "The minister, I see him! I saw him first!" and many other childish and happy expressions.

The stay in Bocas was all too short, but I had written ahead to Costa Rica and the people there were waiting for me. I went on a small motor car to Sixaola. From there I took a small plane to Port Limon and from there to San Jose.

I arrived on Wednesday morning and checked with Brother Aurelio Gutierrez with regard to plans of work.

That evening I spoke to a crowded house at the church. I was happy to note the growth of the work in San Jose.

The following Sunday morning there were 140 regular members at Sunday school and forty visitors. I was told by many that this was not an unusual crowd, but they often had more.

## Pleasant Grove Is Number 781

Pleasant Grove church, Calhoun county, is one of the latest additions to the EVERY FAMILY list of The Baptist Record. This is a young church and the membership is not large.

Church Clerk M. J. Davis recently sent a list of 15. Rev. W. H. Lowmore is the pastor.

Calhoun county Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHANY 74, Big Creek 9, BRUCE 130, CALHOUN CITY FIRST 121, College Hill 3, DERMA 55, Gaston Springs 2, MACEDONIA 14, Meridian 13, MIDWAY 39, MT. MORIAH 22, Oak Grove 9, OLDTOWN 18, PITTSBORO 35, PLEASANT RIDGE 17, Rocky Mountain 2, NEW LIBERTY 12, ELLARD 26, SHILOH 45, Spring Hill 1, VARDAMAN 103, BANNER 21, Spring Creek 1, CALHOUN CITY SECOND 43, Rocky

## Know Your Bible Answers

1. (Brutal threat to Israel): The name of the man was Nahash, the Ammonite, and he threatened the Israelites to put out the right eye of all the Israelites. (Read I Samuel 2:1-15.)

2. (Abraham's silver, etc.): In Abraham's time, all commerce was carried on in bulk silver, which was weighed and paid to buyer or seller in one or more bulk pieces of silver (Gen. 23:15-16). In Solomon's time, silver was made into money by the Maccabees, the coins being imprinted with the names of rulers, etc.

3. (Origination of seals): Seals were used in early Bible days, and the importance of seals was so great that without one worn on the arm or neck were considered of no importance. They were made of stone, pierced in the center, the seals being made into rings.

4. (Gabbatha, its meaning, etc.): The word (or name) "Gabbatha" means elevated, or Hebrew for pavement. It is a raised stone pavement or platform fronting the temple courts. From this Gabbatha (or platform), Pilate delivered up Jesus to be crucified (John 19:13). A legendary notation indicates that this pavement, broken into small parts have been put away in the cellars of the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. (We present this only as a legend.)

Rev. R. A. Eddleman will preach at Old Silver Creek church, Lawrence county, Sunday, May 13, at 3 p. m.

The monthly report of the Executive Committee of the S. B. C., Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary, shows the contributions for Mississippi for the month of April as follows: Cooperative Program \$15,164.78; designated \$17,987.95; total \$33,152.73. Total for all states for the month was \$530,853.69. There was an increase for the year to date over a year ago of \$400,486.98.

Rev. J. L. Moye, missionary to the Spanish speaking people, under the direction of the Home Mission Board, passed away Wednesday night, April 25 in San Antonio, and funeral services were held there the following Friday.

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## Negro Baptists To Meet In Jackson

(Editor's note: Below we reproduce a part of an article that appeared in the Delta Leader, Greenville negro paper. It shows how our negro Baptists work.)

The General Missionary Baptist State Convention will hold its annual session in Jackson with the general assembly meeting in the auditorium of Pearl Grove Baptist Church, Rev. L. S. Sorrell, pastor.

The Convention will convene at its regular time, Monday through Friday embracing the fourth Lord's Day in July, 1945. In 1944 we paid our mortgage indebtedness and operated the school without borrowing any additional funds. This achievement was almost unbelievable.

We cannot afford to stop, knowing that our needs are still great. We must build an administration building for library and class room work at Natchez. We must put the land in use that is uncultivated at Natchez.

We must have a well equipped home science department and a workshop. We have more than 348,000 Baptists in Mississippi. We should have enough denominational pride to standardize and develop Natchez College for the work for which it was established.

The negro minister has the ear of more members of his race than any one else. He should be careful how he directs the life of the people who call upon him for advice.

We should start now developing our denominational institution to train leadership for our rural communities in Mississippi.

Our goal this year is \$100,000. It should be easily reached if our pastors, moderators and auxiliaries of our Convention give their time and influence in helping to raise this amount. Serving the people is serving God. "Curseth be he who uses the church to promote self interest."

If pastors will adopt this slogan, "God first, people next, me last," \$100,000 for the development of negro youth in Mississippi is as good as already raised.

Revelation is quoted as saying: "In 1943, the largest grant of book paper to a religious book publisher was that of 367 tons to the Watch Tower Bible Tract Society of the Jehovah Witnesses cult. In contrast, the American Bible Society received 72 tons." Dr. J. D. Rankin in The United Presbyterian, commenting on the foregoing: "This item nettles the writer. This sect is an open enemy of our country, denouncing it, refusing to let its members fight for it, counting all churches as enemies, and yet it is given such priority."—Watchman-Examiner.

The Baptist Record appreciates an invitation to the graduating exercises of the Mather School of Nursing of the Southern Baptist Hospital to be held Wednesday evening, May 23, at First Baptist Church, New Orleans. There are five Mississippians: Misses Mary Louise Brooks, Centreville; Willie B. and Blanche Fortner, McComb; Esther Rapp (Picayune, Minnie Lee Wilkes, Columbia. There are 42 in the class, representing nine different states.

## Bales Celebrate Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Bales, of the Tangipahoa Baptist Church, Summit, Mississippi, route 2, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. A special service was held at their home one-half mile south of the church. A large crowd attended the service, including Ernest Burris, who was the best man 50 years ago. Their pastor, Rev. A. W. Talbert, brought a message on "Living Examples of a Right Choice." Miss Nell Whittington rendered a vocal number in song.

Mr. and Mrs. Bales have three children: a son and daughter, Mr. Horace E. Bales and Mrs. Ruby Dell Wilson, both living in the community; Mrs.

Roy O. Bales, living in Vicksburg; one foster daughter, Miss Gwendolyn Scarborough (niece of Mr. Bales), now Mrs. Excel Smith, living in Texas. They also have eight grandchildren.

Mr. Bales is the senior deacon of his church and has been teacher of the Adult Men's Bible class for several years. Mrs. Bales was teacher of the Adult Ladies' class until she retired a year ago. This devoted couple never miss a service. They are always present for Sunday school, Training Union, prayer meeting, and all the worship services, and are loyal in every way. They have been active in Tangipahoa Baptist Church for 45 years.

### SUFFERING IS NOT ALWAYS PHYSICAL

To my way of thinking most people use the word "suffer" in a narrow sense. Lots of times we hear it used when actually people haven't suffered. We find it mentioned throughout the Bible. As long as the world stands there will be suffering.

Look at physical suffering. Naturally we all try to compare any other situation to our own. Suffering is suffering no matter when, where or under what circumstances. All history shows evidence of physical suffering throughout past decades. Hospitals today are filled with patients. Doctors and nurses are busy day and night ministering to the suffering, making life one of ease if possible. It is true that some suffer more than others. Each one will suffer according to his ailments. A person with a broken leg or arm will not suffer as much as one with an incurable disease. Both of them suffer, yet it is a different kind.

Now look at spiritual suffering. To me this is greater than physical suffering. Both of these are inseparable. For an example, in Luke 23:39-45, the thief cried out, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" (v. 42). He suffered spiritually, for he asked Christ to save him. Every Christian knows the agony in his heart when Christ speaks to him and convicts him of sin. I say that is real suffering. How well I remember when I was convicted and knew I was lost. I tried saying "No" but all the time my heart wasn't right and patiently He kept saying, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy

laden, and I will give you rest." This was the greatest suffering I have ever experienced. I wasn't satisfied and the question kept coming to me, "Are you a Christian? The answer was "No!" This continued for about a week and finally I said, "Lord, I now put my trust in you. Save me for Jesus' sake." The burden was lifted the moment I turned to Him in faith.

Many of you know what I am talking about for you have been along there yourself. That is my personal experience of grace, and I can truly thank God today that I am saved. The spiritual suffering is what made Christ's death the greatest in all history. Those of us who are Christians can stand up and sing, "On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame." We know the meaning of those words and need the more to tell the world that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture." I Cor. 15:3.

When we are saved it doesn't mean that sin is out of our lives. We suffer the consequences just the same, but we don't suffer the penalty of sin. Christ took care of that when He died.

Not long ago I went up to the chapel for church. The chaplain brought a very good simple message then gave an invitation at the close of the service for rededication. Would you believe that about 20 soldiers went forward kneeling at the altar weeping for the sins they had committed? They were Christians, but they weren't satisfied with their lives. They were suffering spiritually. Will you not join them in consecrating your life to Christ?

Pray for us who are trying to live

## Leavell Visits "The Show-Up"

By Roland Q. Leavell

In St. Louis, Chief of Detectives John J. Carroll and Detective Sgt. Adam Riek took me to the morning "show-up." All criminals arrested during the night before were brought out on a stage to be viewed by all the detectives of the city and by witnesses to their crimes.

The lights were so focused that the criminals could not see us, but all the detectives were able to see the minutest details about the criminals, to study their features, to measure their height, and to fix their faces in mind.

Their names and their criminal records of past years were read. The occasion of their arrest the night before was announced. Their fingerprints were taken. Their photographs were taken. Their past and present were reviewed, with a view to the coming trial.

Watching this interesting spectacle, I kept hearing the words of 2 Corinthians throbbing in my mind: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

—BR—

## Congress Called Religious-Minded

Washington—(RNS)—Congressmen are inserting more material of primary religious interest in the Congressional Record and are discussing more religious subjects on the floor of the House and Senate in the 79th session than in a comparable period in the 78th session, observers here said.

"The 78th Congress set a record for insertions of sermons, religious articles and correlated material in the Congressional Record," one observer pointed out. "There can be no doubt about that."

"But the 79th Congress seems to be even more religious-minded."

—BR—

Chaplain Tildon S. McGee, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany since September 26, 1944, has been liberated by the American forces and writes that he is well and happy. He was a member of the 506th Parachute Infantry. Chaplain McGee is a 1934 graduate of Mississippi College. During his student days he was a member of the debating council, the B. S. U. Council, the staff of "The Collegian," college newspaper, president of the Hermonian Literary Society, member of the Ministerial Association and Anniversarian during his junior year.

In the month of April there were 119 additions, 85 of them by baptism, during the three meetings in which I was privileged to have part: Gloster, Roy Briggance, pastor, 26 additions; Davis Memorial, Jackson, Sidney Johnston, pastor, 53 additions; Calvary, Memphis, J. G. Lott, pastor, 40 additions—J. A. Barnhill.

a Christian life. I hope many will profit by reading this message from a soldier's heart. God bless you always is my prayer.

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